GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT:
Compliments William S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary.

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Robert J. W. Adams.
Grand Master.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F.

OF THE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Annual Session, 1916

Ball Room, Hotel Taft, New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

In accordance with its Constitution, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut convened this day, at ten o'clock, in annual session. The Grand Master having called the Grand Lodge to order, the Grand Secretary called the roll of officers and Lodges. The following were found to be present:

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS, *Grand Master*.....Naugatuck
F. HENRY MONROE, *Deputy Grand Master*.....New Haven
GEORGE M. CHAPMAN, *Grand Warden*.....Waterbury
WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON, *Grand Secretary*.....New Haven
SIDNEY W. CHALLENGER, *Grand Treasurer*.....Bridgeport
PHILIP POND, *Senior Grand Representative*.....New Haven
HENRY C. STEVENSON, *Junior Grand Representative*...Bridgeport
HARRY HIRSCH, *Grand Marshal*.....New London
WILLIAM T. MEYER, *Grand Conductor*.....Bridgeport
FRANK W. WHITON, *Grand Guardian*.....Hartford
REV. CHARLES H. SMITH, *Grand Chaplain*.....Barre, Mass.
HERBERT J. PHILLIPS, *Grand Herald*.....Waterbury

And Representatives from 88 Lodges.

Also the following Past Grand Masters:

CHARLES B. WARE.....*Hartford*
WILLIAM H. MARIGOLD.....*Bridgeport*
DAVID R. ALLING.....*New Haven*
LUCIUS H. FULLER.....*Putnam*
SELAH G. BLAKEMAN.....Shelton
FRANK R. UPSON.....*Southington*
ELMER G. HURLBUT.....*New Britain*
GRANT U. KIERSTEAD.....*Hartford*
WILLIAM E. THOMS.....*Waterbury*
FREDERIC C. BURROWS.....*New London*
FRANK E. ROYS.....*Winsted*

The Grand Master invited the Grand Chaplain to offer prayer. The Grand Chaplain read a portion of Scripture and prayed as follows:

Almighty and Eternal God, we, Thy children, are gathered here this day that we may transact business for the welfare of the whole family of man. With grateful hearts we acknowledge the mercy which has spared our lives and given us a measure of health to enjoy in the year that is past. With courage and with zeal we would go forward into the unknown future trusting in Thy Divine guidance and enlightenment that we may perform holy service in Friendship, Love and Truth. In Thy tender, loving kindness Thou art causing the brown earth this morning to bud and blossom beneath the gently falling showers. Drop upon our hearts the dews and showers of heavenly grace that our words may be wise and kindly, our thoughts tender and true and all our deliberations filled with divine light and love. Bless, O Heavenly Father, our beloved Order in every land and clime. May our officers rule with discretion and our brethren live in peace. By the death of our beloved Grand Sire Thou has taught us the solemn lesson of our own mortality. Help us then this day to act with eternity in view.

We commend to Thee the widows and the orphans; the weak and the sick; the tempted and the tried. Remember the warring nations and bring again to the battle-scarred earth the beauteous morning of peace and good-will. We pray for all the officers of our Grand Lodge that wisdom may be their portion this day. We pray for our brothers and sisters in this Jurisdiction that harmony and love may abide among us. We pray for all mankind that Faith and Hope and Charity may be their portion. We ask all these things with the forgiveness of our sins in His name who taught us to pray, saying:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Grand Master then directed the Deputy Grand Master to declare the Grand Lodge of Connecticut open for such business as may be lawfully brought before it.

The Grand Master appointed Committee on Credentials: Benjamin B. McFarland, P.G., of No. 1; William R. Malona, P.G., of No. 36; Howard W. Beach, P.G., of No. 86.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Distribution: Philip Pond, Grand Representative, of No. 5; William T. Hayden, P.G., of No. 2; George A. Bramann, P.G., of No. 41.

The Grand Master appointed as a Committee on Courtesies, Frank R. Upson, P.G.M., of No. 75; H. L. Platt, of No. 14; I. P. Turney, of No. 80.

J. Gordon Baldwin, P.G., of No. 12, was appointed to fill the vacancy on Committee on Legislation, J. Clinton Roraback, P.G., of No. 50, being absent.

Archie Eagan, P.G., of No. 100, was appointed to fill the vacancy on Committee on Rebekah Degree, B. O. Fowler, P.G., of No. 101, being absent.

On motion the appointments of the Grand Master on Committees and to fill vacancies were approved.

On motion of Representative Marshall I. Smith, P.G.P., the reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with, and the Journal of last session approved as printed.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following from the Rebekah State Assembly, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, same being adopted at the annual session held at Bridgeport, April 19, 1916:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., April 19, 1916.

Resolved, That this Assembly petition the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, to grant the power to the President of the Rebekah State Assembly, to make the semi-annual password for the Rebekah Lodges.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., April 19, 1916.

Resolved, That this Assembly petition the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, to grant the power to the President of the Rebekah State Assembly, to institute Rebekah Lodges, under the direction of the Grand Master.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., April 19, 1916.

Resolved, That this Assembly petition the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, to levy a per capita tax of nine cents per member for the year 1916, for the support of the Rebekah State Assembly.

On motion the same were referred to the Committee on Rebekah Degree.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following:

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., April 19, 1916.

Resolved, That this Assembly present the following resolutions on Infirmary Auxiliary to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, and request that it be duly considered and adopted by that Grand Body.

INFIRMARY AUXILIARY.

The need of an infirmary at the Home at Fairview, Groton, has long been felt by the Rebekahs of the State, and at times has been given much consideration, but no definite action has ever been taken. During my term I have given the subject considerable thought and have preached throughout the State at Lodge gatherings, the pressing demands for such an institution. I hope the interest is now fairly well aroused and I propose and recommend for adoption at this session the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge give their consent and approval to the following action and that the same be recommended by the Grand Lodge to the Corporation of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut, for adoption by that Corporation, as follows:

WHEREAS, the time has now arrived when it is desirable to institute and maintain at the Home at Groton an infirmary, in which subject the Rebekah Lodges of the State have for some time past been interested and have been seeking to encourage.

Resolved, That the Rebekah State Assembly, through its President, may at each annual session and at once for this year, appoint a standing committee on infirmary, to be composed of two Past Presidents together with the President and Secretary and Treasurer *ex officio,* which committee shall have the right and permission from time to time to solicit funds in this State for the building and maintenance of an infirmary at the Home grounds, and which committee shall constitute with the President, First Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Home and the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, a joint committee of twelve members to be known as the "Rebekah Infirmary Auxiliary," to have advisory supervision under the Home President, and Board of Managers, of the infirmary. The said funds, with those raised for that purpose otherwise shall be turned over annually to the Treasurer of the Assembly for deposit jointly in the names of the President and Secretary and Treasurer of the Assembly in Connecticut savings banks as a special permanent Infirmary Fund, and for the construction and maintenance of such an infirmary for the care and nursing of sick residents of the Home.

The construction of the infirmary shall be the duty of the Property Committee of the Home Corporation, and shall be commenced at such time and place as the Board of Managers of the Home shall designate. Needed extra funds for the construction or maintenance may be supplied by the Home Corporation upon proper action duly approved by the Grand Lodge and the Rebekahs through their said Standing Committee on Infirmary may continue to aid in its maintenance.

Resolved, That the above and foregoing is adopted by the Grand Lodge and is recommended by the Grand Lodge for adoption by the Home Corporation to become Article 2½ of the By-Laws of the Home, to be headed, "Rebekah Infirmary Auxiliary."

On motion the same was referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following:

NORWICH, CONN., May 8, 1916.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—Uncas Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., petition your Grand Body to have Brother William W. Beckwith reinstated into Uncas Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F. He joined Uncas Lodge by initiation on June 6, 1887, and was expelled some time in 1889 or 1890 for contempt, and he now wishes to be reinstated, and on January 10, 1916, he was unanimously elected by Uncas Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., to become a member with your approval.

Yours in F., L. & T.,

(Seal.) JOHN F. AMBURN, *Secretary.*

On motion the same was referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following:

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

RESOLUTION BY ORONOQUE LODGE, No. 90, I. O. O. F.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Representative to the Odd Fellows Home from Oronoque Lodge, No. 90, Odd Fellowship in Connecticut has a Home for its members of which it may well feel proud, and feeling that the comforts of those who are there now, as well as of those to come, could be more extended, and the scope of the work enlarged to advantage by additional funds; and,

WHEREAS, Odd Fellowship in Connecticut has adopted "30,000 Members April 26, 1919," as its watchword, the additional incentive of 300,000 Dollars April 26, 1919, should be appreciated by all. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge request all Subordinate Lodges in the Jurisdiction to ask every member to give at least one cent per week during the next three years, the same to be paid to the Financial Secretary of their respective Lodges, to be turned over to the Treasurer of the Home.

Respectfully submitted in F., L. & T.,

W. H. STEVENS,
F. G. BEVANS,
E. W. BURRITT,

Past Grands of Oronoque Lodge, No. 90.

On motion the resolution was referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions who were present by invitation of the Grand Master, were reported in waiting.

The Grand Master appointed Grand Representatives Philip

Pond and Henry C. Stevenson as a committee to introduce the invited guests.

The committee retired and returned with L. B. Cooper, Grand Master, of Ontario, Canada; Ellis Cranston, Grand Master, Kirtland H. Wilson, Grand Secretary, of Rhode Island; George W. Pike, Grand Master, Frank N. Cilley, Deputy Grand Master, of New Hampshire; George E. Judge, Grand Master, Harry Walker, Grand Secretary, of New York; F. Howard Lloyd, Grand Master, Harry S. Pine, Grand Secretary, of New Jersey.

They were received with the honors of the Order and invited to seats with the Grand Master.

Representative Benjamin B. McFarland, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that we have examined the certificates of the following Past Grands and find that they have been elected to represent their respective Lodges for the current year:

OLD MEMBERS.

Quinnipiac, No. 1.—B. B. McFarland, Earl T. Brown, Frederick F. Clark, John F. Martin.

Charter Oak, No. 2.—William Taft Hayden, J. Jones Comstock, H. C. Layberry, Arthur Lewis, William H. Wilson. Robert Davidson, C. S. Otis.

Pequonnock, No. 4.—H. C. Stevenson, F. N. Canfield, T. H. Berg.

Harmony, No. 5.—William S. Stockwell, Abraham Midas, Philip Pond, Frederick Wilson, Arthur E. Lawson.

Ousatonic, No. 6.—Oliver W. Lewis, Theodore Perry, Charles Beardsley, Harry H. Warner, Henry M. Bradley, Jr., Selah G. Blakeman.

Samaritan, No. 7.—William F. Beardsley, G. L. Stevens.

Empire, No. 8.—William B. Chard.

L. A. Thomas, No. 9.—George F. Pardee, W. T. Peters.

Uncas, No. 11.—Harry Hirsch.

Central, No. 12.—Henry C. F. Howell, J. Gordon Baldwin.

Tycho Brahe, No. 13.—Niles Neilsen, Marcus Neilsen, Michael Larsen.

Wopowage, No. 14.—Hubert L. Platt.

Montewese, No. 15.—L. Greenwald.

Niantic, No. 17.—Charles E. Gates, Charles E. Beebe, Charles R. Tubbs.

Progressive, No. 18.—F. C. Hoddinott, F. G. Hawley, Albert M. Fuller, L. A. Jackson, G. F. Friend, G. E. Scofield.

Fenwick, No. 20.—C. H. Gear, J. P. Southworth, H. D. Robinson.

Nosahogan, No. 21.—G. M. Eagan, H. J. Phillips.

Palisado, No. 23.—Frank O'Brien.

Rippowam, No. 24.—John C. Nelson.

Crescent, No. 25.—George P. West, C. O. Johnson.

Hancock, No. 28.—W. H. Nankervis.

Clifton, No. 30.—G. C. Case, F. E. Roys.

King David, No. 31.—Charles R. Hathaway, August H. Simonson, William S. Hutchison.

Wauseon, No. 32.—A. E. Snow, E. F. Engley, E. K. Taft.

Israel Putnam, No. 33.—L. H. Fuller.

Portland, No. 35.—Gale T. Lloyd, Robert L. Markham.

City, No. 36.—W. R. Malona, W. H. Huntley, G. B. Close, H. W. Hope.

Wooster, No. 37.—W. I. Brant.

Croswell, No. 39.—Arthur J. Willard, A. R. Leighton, William Brown.

Svea, No. 40.—William Olson, Albin Nelson.

Arcanum, No. 41.—George A. Bramann, Orville Rector, William J. Platt, Joseph Rowland, Lester H. Vanstone.

Franklin, No. 42.—Charles H. Smith.

Summit, No. 45.—William Lenox, George P. Sturtevant, H. G. Nelson, Thomas N. Belcher, J. Frank Foster, H. Eastman, J. G. Richmond.

Pilgrim No. 46.—Ellsworth T. Brown, Jesse L. Benedict, Fleetwood Carlson, Frank Wilson.

Andree, No. 47.—John H. Hollin.

Pequabock, No. 48.—Augustus Richtmeyer.

Rising Star, No. 49.—A. T. Dickinson.

Ridgely, No. 51.—A. E. Guilford, W. B. Waterman.

Phenix, No. 52.—A. G. Breckenridge, E. G. McWilliams, R. H. Russell.

Elm, No. 53.—Frederick W. Schaefer, Fred C. Bossung. Harold H. Harrison, Frank W. Porter.

Bell, No. 54.—Charles E. Forkelson, F. Howard Barton.

Mohegan, No. 55.—Samuel Prince, Charles B. Ware.

Friendship, No. 56.—Charles J. Fowler.

Stephen Terry, No. 59.—M. I. Smith.

Menuncatuck, No. 62.—F. A. Harrison, A. G. Somers, George W. Seward, W. S. Butler, R. B. Butler.

Naugatuck, No. 63.—C. H. Mallette, J. L. Bassett.

Good Shepherd, No. 65.—William R. Van Deusen.

John Ericsson, No. 67.—Gustave Hallstrom, Herman Linger.

Accanant, No. 71.—Lincoln D. Hill.

Lexington, No. 72.—Ed. Case, W. W. Bullen, Charles Templeman.

Sequassen, No. 74.—A. H. Dresser, H. W. Griffin, Frank G. Osborne, J. C. Carroll.

Eureka, No. 75.—A. H. Keller, C. J. Talmadge, E. J. Talmadge, Frank R. Upson.

Polar Star, No. 77.—Fred. Filcher, Harry T. Fowles.

Adelphian, No. 80.—I. P. Turney.

Hartford, No. 82.—J. W. Collins, E. G. Simmington, L. D. McLean, W. H. Browne, F. T. Bedworth, C. A. Spiers, G. N. Dunlop, F. L. Barton, J. L. Cook, G. B. Turner, N. D. Thomas, A. D. Reed, Jr., J. A. Crilly, W. D. Hotchkiss, J. M. Collins, C. N. Fowler, M. A. Worthington, N. G. Scott. W. E. Hanmer.

Steuben, No. 83.—Charles Henss.

Pequot, No. 85.—F. C. Burrows, W. R. Johnson, O. F. Fowler.

Relief, No. 86.—Howard W. Beach, Benj. R. Cowan, F. Henry Monroe, James W. Russell, Frederick W. Read.

Pacific, No. 87.—L. C. Brown.

Townsend, No. 89.—T. R. Taylor, F. K. Woolworth, G. M. Chapman.

Oronoque, No. 90.—J. P. Quire, C. H. Mills, F. W. Wilcoxson, C. E. Curtiss, I. L. Morehouse.

Humboldt, No. 91.—Paul Sternbeck, Max Behrend, Rudolph C. Henze, Joseph Brautigam, Ernst Voos, Jacob Rimler, Bernard Fertelberg, Conrad Rabanus.

Connecticut, No. 93.—G. Herbert Peck, Frank W. Whiton, George P. Harvey.

Lessing, No. 94.—Nicholas Neuert.

Teutonia, No. 95.—George H. Rudolph.

Butler, No. 97.—William Podmore, S. S. Baker.

Beethoven, No. 98.—Theodore Kassenbrook.

Samuel H. Harris, No. 99.—George L. Thayer, Harry FitzRoy, Sidney W. Challenger.

Centennial, No. 100.—George L. Packer, A. H. Eagan, William C. Painter, Robert T. W. Adams, R. E. Owens, William A. Titley.

Fairview, No. 101.—Edward F. Walsh.

Number of old members, 202.

Fraternally submitted,

BENJ. B. McFARLAND,
WM. R. MALONA,
HOWARD W. BEACH,

Committee on Credentials.

On motion the report was adopted.

Representative Benjamin B. McFarland, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report the following Past Grands in waiting for the Grand Lodge Degree.

We recommend that the degree be conferred on them and that they be admitted to seats in this Grand Body.

NEW MEMBERS.

Quinnipiac, No. 1.—Edwin S. Pickett, C. W. Partridge.
Charter Oak, No. 2.—Arthur F. Trude, Norris E. Scoville.
Pequonnock, No. 4.—W. R. Clinton.
Samaritan, No. 7.—Lewis Theurer, Harvey Pan.
Empire, No. 8.—D. E. Wooledge.
L. A. Thomas, No. 9.—Burton L. Hoskins.
Our Brothers, No. 10.—Leo Davis.
Uncas No. 11.—W. S. Case.
Central, No. 12.—Leonard C. Schaefer, A. T. Hayes.
Tycho Brahe, No. 13.—F. W. Jensen, Holger Bach.
Obwebetuck, No. 16.—T. H. Williams.
Niantic, No. 17.—A. G. Chappell, J. E. Beebe, Frank Beckwith.
Progressive, No. 18.—S. H. Everitt, W. F. Ostrander.
Protection, No. 19.—F. E. Holyburton.
Fenwick, No. 20.—Clarence Pratt, N. J. Rathburn.
Thames, No. 22.—Fred A. Sheldon, Victor A. Rosetand.
Palisado, No. 23.—O. M. Burdick.
Rippowam, No. 24.—J. A. Ray.
Crescent, No. 25.—P. H. Noble, H. D. Noble.
Stonington, No. 26.—W. W. Keigwin, Charles W. Gildersleeve.
Shetucket, No. 27.—H. A. Metcalf, Charles Drescher.
Hancock, No. 28.—John Gillette, G. W. Ludewig.
Reliance, No. 29.—H. George Wilcox, Saml. A. Thompson.
Clifton, No. 30.—W. S. Russell, A. C. Suffin.
King David, No. 31.—Harry G. Anderson, Harry N. Hanson.
Wauseon, No. 32.—F. E. Smith.
Israel Putnam, No. 33.—L. M. Keith, H. A. Johnson, Arthur Loomis.
Quinebaug, No. 34.—Roy W. Pellett.
Portland, No. 35.—W. Pattison.
City, No. 36.—John L. Clark.
Wooster, No. 37.—Nelson Silliman.
Monitor, No. 38.—David Nyborg.
Croswell, No. 39.—H. E. Harper, H. G. Miller.
Svea, No. 40.—August Nelson.
Arcanum, No. 41.—Herbert S. Searles, A. L. Lewis.
Franklin, No. 42.—M. C. Stewart, James Kelley.
Puritan, No. 43.—F. Van Iderstyne, Frank Sloate.
Scandia, No. 44.—O. H. Carlberg, C. J. Westin.
Summit, No. 45.—Joseph H. Sharfman, J. G. Richmond.
Pilgrim, No. 46.—C. G. Bassett, C. W. Walker, W. T. Clark.
Andree, No. 47.—Solomon Johnson, Harold Johnson.
Pequabock, No. 48.—A. E. Crothers.
Ridgely, No. 51.—A. M. Bavier, Otto A. Schroeder.
Phenix, No. 52.—J. B. Anderson, F. W. Haetinger.
Friendship, No. 56.—John Weeder.
Stephen Terry, No. 59.—V. E. McBurney, P. E. Hansen.
Naugatuck, No. 63.—A. H. Hills. A. B. Osgood.
Eclectic, No. 64.—E. R. Wilder.
Good Shepherd, No. 65.—A. C. Worley, W. S. Ferriss.
John Ericsson, No. 67.—A. Nelson, E. S. Dahl.
Meriden Center, No. 68.—G. L. Goodwin.
Lexington, No. 72.—Robert Crocker, Irving Hoar.
Mechanics, No. 73.—A. W. Ray.

Sequassen, No. 74.—J. W. Pease.
Eureka, No. 75.—J. W. Johnson. L. C. Main.
Germania, No. 78.—E. C. Cramer, G. A. Leonhardt.
Adelphian, No. 80.—T. L. Synott, L. K. White.
Webb, No. 81.—G. E. Bartman, Jesse A. Olin.
Hartford, No. 82.—A. L. Perkins, W. F. Miller, H. A. Weed, F. W. Robinson. W. H. Haynes.
Steuben, No. 83.—Henry Hohne, Lewis Wagner.
Pequot, No. 85.—H. B. Marshall, H. C. Williams.
Relief, No. 86.—Beecher N. Mott, Ernest T. Gadd.
Pacific, No. 87.—T. H. Green.
Crystal, No. 88.—F. S. Harris, J. J. Speirs.
Oronoque, No. 90.—D. H. Middlebrook.
Humboldt, No. 91.—Herman Seydel.
Connecticut. No. 93.—E. D. Howland, W. H. Turner.
Teutonia, No. 95.—W. H. Fisher.
Gerstaecker, No. 96.—Louis Haeusler, Fritz Bock.
Beethoven, No. 98.—A. Kauffman.
Samuel H. Harris, No. 99.—Harry Wildman, Harry Pierce, Harry Temporal.
Centennial, No. 100.—George G. Hotchkiss.
Fairview, No. 101.—Harry V. Baldwin, A. F. Hodgdon.
Number of new members, 125.

Fraternally submitted,

BENJ. B. McFARLAND,
WM. R. MALONA,
HOWARD W. BEACH,

Committee on Credentials.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

The Grand Master requested the Grand Warden and Grand Marshal to retire and confer the Grand Lodge Degree on the Past Grands applying for the degree.

The Grand Master appointed Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M., to occupy the station of the Grand Warden during his absence.

George M. Chapman, Grand Warden, announced that he was ready to present the new members. The Grand Lodge being called up, the Grand Warden introduced 125 Past Grands, who had received the Grand Lodge Degree and were entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master welcomed the new Representatives.

The Grand Master submitted his report:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—We are assembled together in this our annual session with, I trust, a just appreciation and sense of gratitude to Him Who has permitted our lives to be spared and Who has enabled us to do whatever of good we have accomplished. We ask for His guidance in these our deliberations, and may all our actions tend toward the elevation of mankind.

In looking backward over the year that has gone, it seems scarcely possible that so many experiences have been crowded into one short term of office. While I have not accomplished all that I wished or desired, I have sincerely endeavored to do all that I could, so far as lay in my power and opportunity offered, to further the interests of the Order in this Jurisdiction. During my term of office it has been my aim and ambition, so far as lay in my power, to endeavor to arouse the interest and secure the co-operation of each individual member of the various Lodges I have visited; realizing, as we all do, that much latent power is lying dormant and that the active work is being performed by a comparative few. I have visited many of the smaller Lodges and in a great many cases these had not been visited by a Grand Master for a very long period of time. I feel that much good can be accomplished in this way.

Feeling that it is almost impossible for the Grand Master to visit all the Lodges in this Jurisdiction, but realizing the incentive that is given to them by a timely visit, I would recommend that it might be advisable to divide the Jurisdiction into three districts, and that all the Lodges should be visited by one or more of the elective officers during each term. I feel assured that this cannot fail to be productive of good. The expense of these visits to the weaker Lodges to be borne by the Grand Lodge.

The District Deputies have been exceedingly faithful and efficient and have most ably assisted me in carrying out all plans that have been made to further the interests of the Order. In this connection I would say that feeling that the Grand Master was not quite in touch with the work that was being carried on in the Lodges and that under ordinary circumstances, he would not know what had been accomplished until the end of the term, I have in my circular letters asked the District Deputies to report to me briefly every month what was being done in the various districts. This again I think has been a great help, not only in keeping the Grand Master conversant with what was being done, but has been the means of inducing the District Deputies to visit the Lodges and trying to initiate some movement in the right direction. I think perhaps the monthly reports from the District Deputies to the Grand Master should be continued.

I take great pleasure at this time in bearing testimony to the valuable assistance that has been rendered to me at all times by the Grand Secretary, not only in visiting the Lodges, but in many and various ways. He has at this time given ten of the best years of his life to the performance of his duties as Grand Secretary; during which period there has been a gain in membership of 5,688 and a net gain in assets of $355,725.53. It is needless for me to say how ably and well he has performed his duties and how materially he has assisted in obtaining this splendid result. The present would seem to be a fitting time to show appreciation of these services. We can afford and probably should make some addition to the compensation of the Grand Secretary. I trust this matter will receive proper consideration.

On December 4, 1915, Thames Lodge, No. 22, of Montville, suffered most severely from a fire and everything was burned, even the Charter. They have continued to work under Dispensation and are slowly recovering from this most serious setback. I would suggest that a new Charter be granted Thames Lodge, No. 22, and that the price of six new rituals (which they were compelled to purchase to continue their work) be returned to them.

I would also recommend that Faith Rebekah Lodge, No. 44, of Thomaston, be transferred from District No. 9 to District No. 8. There are many reasons that make this change preferable. It is easy of access to Waterbury and Naugatuck and so enables the Lodges to visit each other, much less expense to the State Assembly and more convenient to the Deputies.

While the gain in membership in our Subordinate Lodges has not been a large one, still we have continued to advance, and when we consider the abnormal conditions we are passing through, not only in our Order, but in the world at large, we cannot but feel encouraged to still more strenuous efforts to advance. I feel that at the present time there is a general revival in our Lodges and from advance reports, and observations when making visits, I am more than encouraged to think that the present will be a most successful term.

With regard to the Rebekah Branch of the Order, I have much to say of commendation, and while the gain in membership is not as large as for the year 1914, yet the results are most satisfactory and should encourage us to greater efforts in the future.

Rebekah Lodges Instituted.

The following Rebekah Lodges were instituted during my term of office:

Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F., at Willimantic, June 8, 1915.

Nesis Rebekah Lodge, No. 58, I. O. O. F., at East Hampton, February 28, 1916.

Dorcas Rebekah Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F.. at Danielson, May 5, 1916.

I would recommend that charters be granted to Nesis Rebekah Lodge. No. 58, and Dorcas Rebekah Lodge, No. 59, and that Violet, No. 57, and Dorcas, No. 59, be placed in Rebekah District No. 17, and Nesis Rebekah Lodge. No. 58, be placed in Rebekah District No. 12. A charter was granted for Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 56, at the session of 1915.

Lost Ritual.

Medora Rebekah Lodge, No. 53, of Deep River, informed me that one of their Rituals has been lost and that until the time of their writing they had been unable to find it. Extension of time was granted to April 1st to assist them in this search. As they were unable to find this Ritual, I imposed the fine of $10.00, the same to be collected by William S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary.

Release of Jurisdiction Received and Permission to Initiate Granted.

May 31, 1915. From Grand Master James Bennett, of Massachusetts, to Canaan Lodge, No. 50, Warren F. Rider, Ashley Falls, Mass.

June 7, 1915. From Grand Master James Bennett, of Massachusetts, to Canaan Lodge, No. 50, E. Gordon, of Ashley Falls, Mass.

June 9, 1915. From Thomas W. McKnight, Grand Master of New York, to Pequot Lodge, No. 85, of New London, John G. Collins of Gull Island, N. Y.

June 11, 1915. From Grand Master Thomas W. McKnight, of New York, to Mohegan Lodge, No. 55, of New London, C. O. Bell, of Fishers Island, N. Y.

October 2, 1915. From Grand Master George E. Judge, of New York, to Pequot Lodge, No. 85, of New London, Cleveland H. Reynolds, Fort Terry, N. Y.

November 10, 1915. From Grand Master J. Herbert Simpson, of Massachusetts, to Tycho Brahe Lodge, No. 13, of Hartford, Conn., Gustav Kjar, Springfield, Mass.

November 24, 1915. From Grand Master George E. Judge, of New York, to Stonington Lodge, No. 26, E. Harris Hancock, of Fishers Island, N. Y.

January 11, 1916. From Grand Master George E. Judge, of New York, to Stonington Lodge, No. 26, John M. Rooks, of Fort Wright, Fishers Island, N. Y.

March 16, 1916. From Grand Master George E. Judge, of New York, to Mohegan Lodge, No. 55, Jacob L. Hartwick, of Fishers Island, N. Y.

April 11, 1916. From Grand Master George E. Judge, of New York, to Mohegan Lodge, No. 55, Samuel A. Wilson, Fishers Island, N. Y.

Release of Jurisdictions Granted.

July 24, 1915. Thomas W. McKnight, Grand Master of New York, in favor of Millerton Lodge, No. 383, Millerton, N. Y., over F. B. Reid, of Lakeville, Conn.

December 15, 1915. Orloff J. Ellsworth, Grand Master of Rhode Island, in favor of Narragansett Lodge, No. 7, of Westerly, R. I., over Frank Edward Collins, of Stonington, Conn.

March 9, 1916. Orloff J. Ellsworth, Grand Master of Rhode Island, in favor of Narragansett Lodge, No. 7, of Westerly, R. I., over Frederick A. Bowen, of Stonington, Conn.

March 22, 1916. Orloff J. Ellsworth, Grand Master of Rhode Island, in favor of Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 19, of Westerly, R. I., over Mrs. Lena M. Collins and Miss Jessie E. Collins, of Stonington, Conn.

Memorial Day Visitations.

On Sunday, June 6, 1915, by invitation of a committee including all the Lodges of New Haven, I participated in the Memorial exercises held in New Haven. The formation was on Crown Street with an escort of the Canton in uniform. Addresses were given by the Rev. Laird, Grand Secretary Hutchison, Past Grand Master Pond and myself.

Sunday, June 20, 1915, it was my pleasure to address the I. O. O. F. Memorial Association of New Britain, in the First Congregational Church, which was attended by a large congregation, other addresses being made.

Sunday, June 20, 1915, I attended the Union Memorial Services of Centennial Lodge, No. 100, I. O. O. F., Gavel Lodge, No. 18, K. of P., and Natatuc Tribe, No. 25, I. O. R. M., of Naugatuck. The members assembled at Odd Fellows' Hall and attended services at the Congregational Church, where an excellent sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by Rev. Philip C. Walcott. Owing to the inclemency of the weather a delegation was appointed to decorate the graves and it was my privilege to make a few remarks in the Hall. There was also a large delegation of Rebekahs, Pythian Sisters and members of the Degree of Pocahontas present.

Deputies Meetings.

June 2, 1915. At New Haven with a fair attendance from all sections of the State. State Instructor Sidney W. Challenger instructed in the secret work in his usual careful manner. A short address was given by the Grand Master, outlining duties and giving suggestions for the coming year. A like meeting was held of the Rebekah District Deputy Grand Masters. Instruction in the secret

work was given by State Instructress Sister Katie Reynolds, and for the German Rebekah Lodges by Sister Hedwig Pflegher, of New Haven, State Instructress for the German Rebekah Lodges. A short address was given by the Grand Master, outlining work and duties for the coming year.

My Deputies have remained in office according to appointments, with one exception—that of John MacMahon, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 18, who, owing to change of residence, was unable to continue his duties. I appointed Past Grand Charles D. Ayers, of No. 81, to succeed Brother MacMahon in District No. 18.

Official Visitations.

June 2, 1915, by invitation I attended the celebration of the twenty-second anniversary of Columbian Rebekah Lodge, No. 35, of Naugatuck. A class of five candidates received the degree in a very commendable manner. Congratulations were extended to the Grand Master, who was presented with a very handsome gold chain and appendage. District Deputy Grand Master Sister Mary Jackman was also presented with a very handsome cut glass vase with flowers.

June 21, 1915, by invitation, I attended a reception tendered me by Centennial Lodge, No. 100, accompanied by Deputy Grand Master Henry Monroe, Grand Warden George M. Chapman, Grand Secretary William S. Hutchison, Grand Treasurer Sidney W. Challenger, and Grand Herald Herbert J. Phillips. This reception was largely attended. Addresses were made by the Grand Master and members of his staff. and during the course of the evening a very handsome roll-top desk. which has been found most acceptable, was presented to the Grand Master by members of Centennial Lodge.

October 18, 1915, by invitation, I attended the Past Grand Representatives' Association meeting in New Haven. Banquet at the Hotel Taft, which was attended by numerous visitors.

October 22, 1915, by invitation, I attended a meeting of Portland Lodge, No. 35. Fifth anniversary, roll call, large attendance, splendid dinner. Interesting speeches and fine entertainment.

October 28, 1915, by invitation, I attended a meeting of Charity Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, of Bridgeport. The degree was conferred before the Grand Officers and the Rebekah Assembly Officers. Most enjoyable evening.

November 4, 1915, by invitation, I attended a meeting of Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, of Bridgeport. Exemplification of the degree, preceded by a supper. All Grand Officers and Assembly Officers present.

November 6, 1915, by invitation, I attended a meeting of Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 18, of Hartford. Degree work preceded by a

Harvest Supper. The table decorations were especially beautiful. Accompanied by Grand Secretary Hutchison.

November 10, 1915, by invitation, I attended a meeting of Winona Rebekah Lodge, No. 8, of Waterbury. Degree work. Assembly officers present. Most enjoyable evening.

November 15, 1915, by invitation, I attended a meeting of Relief Lodge, No. 86, of New Haven. Second Degree was exemplified. Large delegation present from Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, of Waterbury. Music furnished by Relief Lodge Orchestra and there was a very enjoyable entertainment.

November 17, 1915, by invitation, attended a meeting of Columbian Rebekah Lodge, No. 35, of Naugatuck. Assembly Officers present. Degree conferred upon a large class of candidates, followed by a collation.

November 22, 1915, by invitation. I attended a meeting of Montewese Lodge, No. 15, New Haven, accompanied by Deputy Grand Master F. Henry Monroe, Grand Secretary William S. Hutchison, D.D.G.M. Hope and suite.

December 2, 1915, by invitation, attended Fenwick Lodge, No. 20, of Essex, accompanied by Deputy Grand Master Henry Monroe and Grand Secretary Hutchison. Third Degree upon a class of seven candidates, followed by supper. Most enthusiastic and successful meeting.

December 3, 1915, by invitation, attended meeting of Eureka Rebekah Lodge, No. 42, of South Norwalk. Twentieth anniversary. Numerous visitors present. President Rebekah Assembly, and Grand Secretary Hutchison accompanied me. Supper was served.

December 6, 1915, by invitation, attended a meeting of Sylvan Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, of Seymour. Twenty-fifth anniversary. Grand Secretary Hutchison accompanied me. Supper was served previously to the degree work. Several Past Noble Grands were presented with jewels.

December 21, 1915, by invitation, attended a meeting of Townsend Lodge, No. 89, of Waterbury. No work. Addresses made by Grand Master and others.

December 22, 1915, by appointment, attended a meeting of Wopowage Lodge, No. 14, of Milford. Roll-call. Grand Treasurer Sidney W. Challenger and Grand Secretary Hutchison were present. No work. Good meeting. Clam chowder supper was served.

January 1, 1916. Christmas Cheer exercises at Odd Fellows' Home. Presents were given to all the residents and also a Victrola from the Rebekahs was presented to the Home for the use of the residents.

January 3, 1916, installed officers of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, of New Haven. Resident Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Master of the District present.

January 11, 1916, by appointment, attended a meeting of Accanant Lodge, No. 71, of Wallingford. Grand Secretary Hutchison and Grand Treasurer Challenger accompanied me.

January 13, 1916, by appointment, attended Lessing Lodge, No. 94, of Bridgeport. Grand Secretary Hutchison and Grand Treasurer Challenger present. Work in the Initiatory Degree in the German language. D.D.G.M. Henss of that District present. Very fine supper.

January 18, 1916, by appointment, attended Webb Lodge, No. 81, of Deep River. Accompanied by Deputy Grand Master Monroe, Grand Secretary Hutchison. Third Degree conferred, followed by supper.

January 21, 1916, by appointment, attended Croswell Lodge, No. 39, of New Haven. Accompanied by Deputy Grand Master Monroe, Grand Secretary Hutchison and Past Grand Representative Pond. Initiatory Degree conferred followed by social hour.

January 31, 1916, by invitation, attended Townsend Lodge, No. 89, of Waterbury. Entertainment and special call to members. Very enjoyable evening.

February 7, 1916, by appointment, attended Elm Lodge, No. 53, of Glastonbury. Accompanitd by William S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary, George M. Chapman, Grand Warden, and Wilfred B. Carroll, D. D. G.M., of District No. 31. Roll call and supper served by Rebekahs. Very enjoyable evening.

February 8, 1916, by invitation, attended Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, of Waterbury. Nine candidates. Initiatory Degree. Large delegation from Relief Lodge, No. 86, of New Haven. Fine dinner at the Hotel Elton, presided over by Ex-Mayor W. E. Thoms.

February 9, 1916, by appointment, attended Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63, of Ansonia. Grand Secretary Hutchison, Grand Treasurer Sidney W. Challenger and D.D.G.M. Warner present. Initiatory degree and roll call.

February 15, 1916, by appointment, I attended a meeting of Eureka Lodge, No. 75, at Plantsville. Initiatory Degree. Fine meeting. large attendance, fine supper.

February 17, 1916, by appointment, attended Lexington Lodge, No. 72, of New Britain, accompanitd by W. S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary and D.D.G.M. Jones, District No. 14. First Degree and supper.

February 22, 1916, Veterans' Association, Waterbury. Washington's Birthday. I became a member ex-officio. Annual meeting and banquet served in Masonic Temple.

February 25, 1916, by appointment, accompanied by Grand Secretary Hutchison and D.D.G.M. Case, attended Eclectic Lodge, No. 64, of Collinsville. Work in the Initiatory Degree by the newly installed officers. Most enjoyable evening.

March 6, 1916, by invitation, attended Centennial Lodge, No. 100, Naugatuck. Roll call. Most enthusiastic meeting. Large attendance. Clam chowder supper served. Excellent entertainment.

March 7, 1916, by appointment. accompanied by F. Henry Monroe, Deputy Grand Master, W. S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary, Philip Pond, Grand Representative, attended Harmony Lodge, No. 5, of New Haven. Work in the Initiatory Degree. Supper served.

March 8, 1916, by invitation, attended Polar Star Lodge, No. 77, of New Haven. Accompanied by Grand Secretary Hutchison. Roll Call. Good attendance.

March 14, 1916, by appointment, Pilgrim Lodge, No. 46, of Ridgefield. (Unable to attend owing to death in family.) Deputy Grand Master Monroe attended as my representative. He reports fine time. Excellent Initiatory Degree.

March 20, 1916, by appointment, attended Steuben Lodge, No. 83, of Bridgeport. Grand Treasurer Challenger and Grand Secretary Hutchison present. Work in the Initiatory Degree in the German language followed by banquet.

March 28, 1916, by appointment, accompanied by George M. Chapman, Grand Warden, and W. S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary, attended Hancock Lodge, No. 28, of South Meriden. Third Degree and supper.

April 4, 1916, by invitation, attended Harmonie Rebekah Lodge, No. 26, of Bridgeport. Many delegations from other Lodges present. Musical entertainment. Many presentations were made. Supper served.

April 18, 1916—Wauseon Lodge, No. 32, Stafford Springs, by appointment. Accompanied by Grand Secretary Hutchison, Grand Warden Chapman and E. B. Carroll, D.D.G.M. Roll call and supper.

April 19, 1916—Rebekah State Assembly at Bridgeport. Very largely attended.

April 19, 1916—By invitation, accompanied by W. S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary, attended Andree Lodge, No. 47, New Britain. Ten candidates received First Degree, which was conferred by John Ericsson Lodge, No. 67, in the English language in a very fine manner. The Grand Master presented three Past D.D.G.M.s with jewels.

I. O. O. F. Home.

April 26, 1916—Grand Master's Day and Anniversary Day at the Odd Fellows' Home, Fairview, Groton, Conn. Also meeting of the Board of Managers. The following programme was rendered:

Opening Ode of the Order.....Assembly
Invocation.....Rev. Charles H. Smith, *Grand Chaplain*
Proclamation of the Day....Wm. S. Hutchison, *Grand Secretary*

PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS.....R. T. W. ADAMS, *Grand Master*

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SAME WALLACE R. JOHNSON, *Secretary of Home*

RESPONSIVE SERVICE.....GRAND CHAPLAIN AND ASSEMBLY

Topic: Universal Brotherhood.

I. AMONG THE NATIONS.

Leader—Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance.

Response—All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy name.

Leader—And He shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people.

Response—And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

Leader—Nation shall not lift up sword against nation.

Response—Neither shall they learn war any more.

TUNE, "WEBB."

O glorious morn supernal,
When nations cease from strife,
When in the light eternal,
They seek the heavenly life,
A world all full of gladness,
And hearts all full of love,
Will banish care and sadness,
And bring heaven from above.

Send, Lord, Thy great salvation,
To comfort all mankind;
That every tribe and nation
True love and peace may find.
That so war's woes may never
Bring sorrow to the earth,
But all may know forever,
The joys of God's new birth.

II. IN OUR FRATERNITY.

Leader—Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Response—It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments.

Leader—As the dew of Hermon and as the dew that descends upon the mountains of Zion.

Response—For there the Lord commanded the blessings even life for evermore.

Leader—But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you. For ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

Response—And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren, but we beseech you brethren, that you increase more and more.

TUNE, "CORONATION."

He groweth most in noble life
Who loves his brother-man,
Who shuns all bitterness and strife,
Fulfilling God's great plan.

Our brothers' faults we should forgive,
His failings seek to hide,
Upbuild his weakness by our strength,
And thus in peace abide.

How noble he who suffers wrong
Nor seeks a wrong to do.
For right will ever make us strong
And keep us kind and true.

III. IN OUR OWN HEARTS.

Leader—Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee.

Rsponse—The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

Leader—Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God.

Response—He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love.

Leader—Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us.

Response—Beloved, if God so loved us we ought also to love one another.

TUNE, "NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE."

Deep in thy secret heart
Let love light glow,
So to the whole wide world,
Thy love shall show.
Banish the thoughts unkind,
Vampires of heart and mind,
And ever seek to find
Words full of love.

Make thou mine inmost soul,
God's dwelling place,
Let love have sweet control,
And sin efface.
So shall thy daily deed
Bring help to others' need,
Sowing the heavenly seed
From God above.

PRESENTATION TO HOME .....
GLENN F. NOBLE, P.G., OF CENTENNIAL LODGE, No. 100, NAUGATUCK

ACCEPTANCE BY PRESIDENT OF HOME

REMARKS .....GRAND OFFICERS AND OTHERS

SINGING—"AMERICA."

BENEDICTION .....GRAND CHAPLAIN

This was one of the most successful gatherings that has been given on our Natal Day at the Home (a home, indeed, in every sense of the word). I was pleased, indeed, to note the spirit of cheerfulness and satisfaction among the residents and the enthusiastic manner in which the large gathering of members and friends joined in the exercises provided for the occasion. The donations were most liberal and as a

climax, a liberal contribution was taken up from those present in the Assembly Hall. Great praise is due those in charge of the Home for the pleasant and agreeable manner in which they took care of their many guests and contributed to their material comfort.

Appointment.

In accordance with instructions from the Grand Lodge when in session, I appointed a committee to revise the Rebekah Constitution consisting of H. C. Stevenson, P.G.M.; Marcus L. Reynolds, P.G.P.. and G. M. Eagan, P.G., of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21.

Visitations in Other Jurisdictions.

August 10, 1915—Visited the Grand Lodge of Ontario, held at Stratford, Canada. Accompanied by Grand Secretary Hutchison.

August 16, 1915—Grand Lodge of New York, at Syracuse. Accompanied by Grand Secretary Hutchison.

September 2, 1915. I regret that it was impossible for me to attend the session of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Massachusetts. I delegated Brother Sidney W. Challenger, Grand Treasurer, to represent me at the session, and he, with the Grand Secretary, report a splendid time with the good brothers of Massachusetts.

October 13, 1915—Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, at Gorham. Accompanied by Grand Secretary Hutchison.

Nov. 17-18—Grand Lodge of New Jersey, at Trenton. Accompanied by Grand Secretary Hutchison.

May 2. 1916. It was impossible for me to attend the session of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Rhode Island, but Connecticut was ably represented by George M. Chapman, Grand Warden, and Sidney W. Challenger, Grand Treasurer, who report a delightful visit with the Rhode Island brothers.

Executive Council.

Meetings of the Executive Council were held from time to time, as found necessary: New Haven, June 2, 1915; New Haven, November 22, 1915; Bridgeport, April 4, 1916; New Haven, April 25, 1916.

Decisions.

I have omitted many decisions that I have made from time to time, finding that the same are mere repetitions, having been answered many times in previous reports.

Question.—Dues paid in advance by a brother, who dies before expiration of said dues. Should said balance be refunded?

Answer.—Yes; the pro rata share dating from and after the calendar week of death.

Question.—Request from Grand Master to suspend By-Law with regard to admission of members.

Answer.—Grand Master has no such authority.

Question.—Brother died April 21st. Dues were paid in advance for one year from January 1st. What amount should be refunded? (Dues being $6.00 per year.)

Answer.—The pro rata share dating from and after the calendar week of death.

Question.—Can a Rebekah Lodge increase its dues and pay a sick benefit?

Answer.—No. Rebekah Lodges cannot, under the law, pay weekly benefits as such.

Question.—Can a Lodge lawfully pay for flowers used in decorating graves of deceased members on Memorial Day from the General Fund, or must same be paid from Contingent Fund?

Answer.—Can be taken from General Fund, if so desired by the Lodge.

Question.—With regard to Contingent Fund. Should Lodge appropriate 5 per cent. of dues or may they take 5 per cent. of income from all sources?

Answer.—May take 5 per cent. of income from all sources if so desired. (See Grand Lodge Journal 1912, p. 1195, also Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal 1911, Sec. 92, p. 375.)

Question.—Are there any jewels for associate officers on staff of D.D.G.M.?

Answer.—None for associates, but jewel for D.D.G.M. which can be procured from Sovereign Grand Lodge through office of Grand Secretary.

Question.—Is engineer in brewery eligible for membership in the Order?

Answer.—Yes.

Question.—Admitted to Rebekah Lodge on Withdrawal Card by merely signing the Constitution. No ballot. Is she legally a member?

Answer.—As this was error solely of Lodge, the lady must be deemed a member.

Question.—Is it legal for us to occupy Lodge rooms where other tenants in building have to pass through our ante-room to get to toilet room?

Answer.—No.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

The following Dispensations were duly granted by me upon proper application therefor, approved by the District Deputy Grand Masters:

May 16, 1915—Crescent Lodge, No. 25, to hold a series of card parties, dances and light entertainments from May, 1915, to May, 1916.

May 24, 1915—Pequot Lodge, No. 85, to visit Niantic Lodge, No. 17, taking paraphernalia to work Second Degree evening of May 26.

May 24, 1915—Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 18, to act in conjunction with Subordinate Lodges in giving a 100th anniversary celebration to take place in Hartford, on or about the 26th day of April, 1919.

May 31, 1915—Friendship Lodge, No. 56, ladies' night and concert June 3, 1915.

June 8, 1915.—King David Lodge, No. 31, to wear regalia on Memorial Day parade, Sunday, June 20.

June 11, 1915—Wauseon Lodge, No. 32, to wear regalia on Memorial Day parade, Sunday, June 13.

June 14, 1915—Obwebetuck Lodge, No. 16, to have a float in a parade on June 24, in connection with the celebration of Old School and Home Week in Willimantic, June 21-27.

June 14, 1915—Relief Lodge, No. 86, lawn party at the home of Brother Wm. Avis, June 19, 1915.

June 25, 1915—Stonington Lodge, No. 26, to hold meetings in Masonic Temple at Mystic, Conn., from June 25, 1915. (Their Lodge room having been destroyed by fire on that date.)

June 30, 1915—Mystic Rebekah Lodge, No. 56, to hold meetings in Masonic Temple, Mystic, Conn., from June 30.

July 2, 1915—Centennial Lodge, No. 100, to participate in parade July 4.

August 6, 1915—Fairview Lodge, No. 101, to hold picinc at Pequonnic Driving Park on August 26, 1915.

August 9, 1915—Pequot Lodge, No. 85, to hold a picnic in conjunction with Mohegan Lodge, No. 55, on August 19.

August 16, 1915—Mohegan Lodge, No. 55, to hold a picnic in conjunction with Pequot Lodge, No. 85, August 19.

August 20, 1915—Connecticut Lodge, No. 93, to hold a fair on the 21st and 22nd days of February, 1916.

August 22, 1915—Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, to hold a fair jointly with other lodges in this city, (Hartford) from February 21 to 26, inclusive, 1916.

August 22, 1915—Hartford Lodge, No. 82, to hold a fair in conjunction with other Odd Fellows Lodges of Hartford, February 21 to 26, inclusive, 1916.

August 24, 1915—Relief Lodge, No. 86, to have moonlight sail on August 27, 1915.

August 29, 1915—Summit Lodge, No. 45, excursion to Saybrook Point and return, August 29.

September 7, 1915—Summit Lodge, No. 45—to hold a fair in conjunction with other I. O. O. F. Lodges in Hartford from February 21 to 26, inclusive, 1916.

September 9, 1915—Tycho Brahe Lodge, No. 13, to hold a fair in conjunction with other I. O. O. F. Lodges in Hartford, from February 21 to 26, inclusive.

September 9, 1915—Polar Star Lodge, No. 77, to hold a series of entertainments during September, October, November and December, 1915.

September 9, 1915—Relief Lodge, No. 86, to hold a series of dances and entertainments during season of 1915-1916.

September 17, 1915—John Ericsson Lodge, No. 67, to hold fair in conjunction with combined I. O. O. F. Lodges in Hartford from February 21-26, 1916.

September 28, 1915—Obwebetuck Lodge, No. 16, to hold a series of card parties between October 1, 1915, and April 1, 1916.

October 8, 1915—Samuel H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, to hold an anniversary entertainment at State Street Casino, Bridgeport, October 27, 1915.

October 11, 1915—Permission to the President of the Rebekah State Assembly, Connecticut, Mrs. Katie J. Reynolds, to solicit from the Rebekah Lodges of Connecticut money and articles to be used as gifts at Christmas time to the residents of the I. O. O. F. Home at Groton, Conn.

October 16, 1915—King David Lodge, No. 31, to hold a series of entertainments and card parties between October 16 and May 1916.

October 20, 1915—Progressive Lodge, No. 18, to hold a public parade and wear regalia November 8, 1915.

October 20, 1915—City Lodge, No. 36, dance on evening of October 22.

October 25, 1915—Puritan Lodge, No. 43, dance following regular meeting, Monday, November 1, 1915.

October 25, 1915—Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, parade on evening of Monday, November 8 and permission to wear regalia in such parade.

October 25, 1915—Oronoque Lodge, No. 90, series of card parties and entertainments during fall, winter and spring of 1915-1916.

October 30, 1915—Palisado Lodge, No. 23, to hold a series of card parties between October 20, 1915, and April 20, 1916. Also a dance on evening of November 25.

November 7, 1915—Obwebetuck Lodge, No. 16, bowling tournament and use the name of I. O. O. F. with other organizations during winter months.

November 11, 1915—Elm Lodge, No. 53, series of dances from November 11, 1915, to May 19, 1916.

November 11, 1915—Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, series of dances in their Lodge room during season 1915-1916.

November 11, 1915—Adelphian Lodge, No. 80, permission to take paraphernalia to Pittsfield, Mass., to confer First Degree for Osceola Lodge, No. 125, of Pittsfield, Mass.

November 16, 1915—Scandia Lodge, No. 44, to move paraphernalia to Monitor Lodge, No. 38, Bridgeport, and work Third Degree November 24, 1915.

November 19, 1915—City Lodge, No. 36, dance on Tuesday evening, November 23, 1915, in their Lodge room.

November 29, 1915—Puritan Lodge, No. 43, to give a play followed by dancing, December 8 and 9.

December 19, 1915—City Lodge, No. 36, public installation of officers on January 5, 1916.

December 21, 1915—Svea Lodge, No. 40, Christmas entertainment at Hermansohn's Hall, 138 Crown Street, New Haven, January 1.

December 26, 1915—Phenix Lodge, No. 52, to hold an entertainment and dance in Turner's Hall, New Britain, January 21, 1916.

December 26, 1915—Thames Lodge, No. 22, to hold regular meetings on Tuesday evenings in the Browning Building at Montville, their Lodge room having been destroyed by fire. The said meetings to be held under dispensation until Charter can be provided.

December 26, 1915—Hartford Lodge, No. 82, public installation of the officers of the Lodge the 4th day of January, 1916.

December 26, 1915—Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, to hold a public installation of officers January 13, 1916.

January 3, 1916—Union Rebekah Lodge, No.17 , to hold a public installation of officers on January 6, 1916.

January 5, 1916—Charity Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, public installation of officers January 13, 1916.

January 5, 1916—Pilgrim Lodge, No. 46, debate and entertainment January 18, 1916.

January 5, 1916—Samuel H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, dance and entertainment in the State Street Casino, February 9, 1916.

January 15, 1916—Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 32, public installation of officers January 19, 1916.

January 15, 1916—Puritan Lodge, No. 43, public installation of officers followed by a dance January 24, 1916.

January 19, 1916—Mayflower Rebekah Lodge, No. 38, to elect and install Vice Grand, who has not served in any appointive office, all qualified members having refused to serve as Vice Grand, January 25, 1916.

February 1, 1916—Croswell Lodge, No. 39, to hold a dance February 23, 1916

February 1, 1916—Rising Star Lodge, No. 49, series of entertainments and dances to May, 1916. Also permission to move paraphernalia to Stafford Springs to work a Degree at Wauseon Lodge, No. 32, on February, 1916.

February 1, 1916—Pequot Lodge, No. 85, to enter a team with City Bowling League to be known as the Odd Fellows' Team, from February 1 to May 1, 1916.

February 19, 1916—Israel Putnam Lodge, No. 33, series of entertainments during winter months, 1915-1916.

February 19, 1916—Pilgrim Lodge, No. 46, series of entertainments to May, 1916.

February 28, 1916—Charity Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, confer Rebekah Degree and move and use necessary paraphernalia in Colonial Hall, Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport, April 19, 1916.

March 13, 1916—Lexington Lodge, No. 72, to transfer paraphernalia and work Second Degree for Stephen Terry Lodge, No. 59, on evening of March 17, 1916.

March 13, 1916—Andree Lodge, No. 47, to transfer paraphernalia and work First Degree for Scandia Lodge, No. 44, of Meriden, Conn., on evening of March 18, 1916.

March 17. 1916—King David Lodge, No. 31, to attend divine worship in the North Methodist Church on Sunday, March 19, 1916.

March 30, 1916—King David Lodge, No. 31, to hold a bazaar on the 4th, 5th and 6th days of May, 1916.

April 2, 1916—Harmony Lodge, No. 5, series of dances from April 1 to May 17, 1916.

April 3, 1916—Bell Lodge, No. 54, to remove their regalia and other effects to their new hall, within two weeks next ensuing.

April 4, 1916—Palisado Lodge, No. 23, to hold a fair April 24-29, inclusive 1916.

April 12, 1916—Puritan Lodge, No. 43, to hold a dance April 13, 1916.

April 15, 1916—John Ericsson Lodge, No. 67, to remove paraphernalia to New Britain for the purpose of working the First Degree for Andree Lodge, No. 47, on evening of April 19, 1916.

May 3, 1916—Clifton Lodge, No. 30, to transfer paraphernalia and work First Degree for Canaan Lodge, No. 50. on evening of May 15, 1916.

May 8, 1916—Puritan Lodge, No. 43, to hold a dance on evening of May 11, 1916.

May 8, 1916—Friendship Lodge, No. 56, to hold its meetings in Masonic Hall, North Main Street, Thompsonville, Conn.. until its own

lodge room is made fit to hold meetings therein, the same having been damaged by fire April 29, 1916.

May 8, 1916—Canaan Lodge, No. 50, to hold a meeting in the Town Hall with paraphernalia, Monday evening, May 15, 1916.

May 8. 1916—Pacific Lodge, No. 87, to participate with Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of Meriden in celebrating the 97th anniversary of I. O. O. F. in auditorium on Wednesday evening, May 10, 1916.

May 12, 1916—Phenix Lodge, No. 52, to transfer paraphernalia to Meriden, Conn., for the purpose of working the First Degree in Pacific Lodge, No. 87, on evening of May 17, 1916.

May 8, 1916—Meriden Center Lodge. No. 68, to participate with Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of Meriden in celebrating the 97th anniversary of the I. O. O. F. in auditorium on Wednesday evening, May 10, 1916.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

NAUGATUCK, CONN., June 19, 1915.

Brother....., D.D.G.M., District No....., I.O.O.F.,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS—You will find below the passwords for the ensuing term embodied in the usual code. After communicating these words to the proper officials, you will return this copy to this office without fail. Please impress the Noble Grand of each Lodge with the fact that he is responsible for the Rituals and that he must not allow them out of his possession without making a record of the name of the brother who has taken it and the date of such transfer. The Rituals must be in the Lodge room at every meeting.

With every indication of a prosperous and successful term, and peace and harmony prevailing in the various Lodges, I would ask you at every oportunity to urge the self-responsibility of all members in the welfare of the Lodge. Try and impress your Lodges with the importance of early and good work, and that more may usually be accomplished by frequent and smaller classes than by one large class of candidates. Remember your watchword, but do not allow the quality of your membership to suffer in obtaining new members.

Promote harmony as far as possible in your District and endeavor to prevent any friction arising from any cause, and work together for the best interests of our beloved Order.

Asking your best efforts in endeavoring to make this a most successful and harmonious term, I beg to remain, with very best wishes,

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS,

Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

NAUGATUCK, CONN., June 19, 1915.

Sister....., D.D.G.M., Rebekah District No.....,I. O.O.F.

DEAR SISTER:—You will find below the passwords for the ensuing term embodied in the usual code. Kindly communicate these passwords to the proper officials and return this copy to this office without fail. Please impress the Noble Grand of each Lodge with the fact that she is held responsible for the Rituals and that they must be in the Lodge room at every meeting. The Rituals must not be taken from her possession unless she has a record of the name of the sister using it and the date when taken.

With every indication of a prosperous and successful term I have every reason to look forward, with your assistance, to a substantial and beneficial growth. Try and impress the Lodges in your District with the importance of early and good work, and with the idea that more may usually be accomplished by frequent and perhaps smaller classes than by one large class and then no further work during the term. Try and get your newer members interested in your work by giving them charge of some minor office, that they may become perfectly familiar with the teachings of our Order.

I would ask you at every opportunity to urge the self-responsibility of all members in the welfare of the Lodge. If all will do their best we must succeed. While keeping up the standard of our membership as regards quality, I would ask you to be as broad and liberal as possible, that we may secure all desirable and eligible candidates for membership, and the beautiful teachings of our Order be spread to their fullest extent.

Promote harmony as far as possible in your District and endeavor to prevent any friction arising from any cause, working for the best interests of our cause in general.

Asking your best efforts towards making this a most successful and harmonious term, I beg to remain, with very best wishes,

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS,
Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

NAUGATUCK, CONN., June 19, 1915.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the Jurisdiction of Connecticut, GREETING:—

In compliance with the Proclamation of our Acting Grand Sire, to which this is attached, it is with profound sorrow and deep regret that I announce to you the death of our beloved Grand Sire, Brother Robert T. Daniel, which occurred at Fitzgerald, Georgia, on Friday, May 27, 1915. Splendidly equipped in every way to fill the high office

he was so ably administering, he was suddenly stricken down while serving the Order he loved so well. As a tribute of respect to his memory, I request that the charters of your Lodges be draped in mourning for a period of sixty days.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS,

Grand Master.

PROCLAMATION.

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To the Officers and Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and all Grand and Subordinate Bodies and to all Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

It becomes my painful duty to announce to you the death of our worthy and well-beloved Grand Sire,

ROBERT T. DANIEL,

which occurred at Fitzgerald, Georgia, on Friday, May 27, 1915, while in attendance on the session of the Grand Lodge of that Jurisdiction; his funeral was held at his home in Griffin, Georgia, on Sunday, May 30, at 3.30 P. M.

In the death of Brother Daniel the Sovereign Grand Lodge has lost a presiding officer and member of rare and unsurpassed ability; the Order at large an enthusiastic and faithful brother; his State and the Nation, a wise and patriotic son and citizen; his wife a devoted and loving husband and companion, and we mourn because of his untimely decease.

Brother Daniel was admirably equipped by nature, education and training, with a high order of ability, and was giving the Order a splendid administration, and his record as Grand Sire, although lamentably brief, is unsurpassed and will reflect credit and honor upon his name as long as the Order exists. Stricken down while yet in the prime of life, before his noble work had been completed, he died a hero in the service of that humanity he loved so well and for which he had wrought so unselfishly and so valiantly.

As a tribute of respect, and in honor of his memory, it is ordered that the charters of all Grand and Subordinate Bodies, owing allegiance to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be draped in mourning for a period of sixty days from the date hereof.

Notice is also hereby given to all the aforesaid Grand and Subordinate Bodies and to all others whom it may concern, that the undersigned, by virtue of the provisions of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, has assumed the powers and duties of the office of Grand Sire, until the next meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at San Francisco on the third Monday in September next.

In assuming the responsibilities of this high office I ask the kindly consideration and active support and co-operation of all members of the Order everywhere, in my efforts to administer wisely the laws of the Order and to promote the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, and may our Father, who is in Heaven, deal kindly with us and ever have us in His Holy keeping.

Done at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, U. S. A., this the first day of June, 1915.

J. B. A. ROBERTSON,
Acting Grand Sire.

Attest:
JOHN B. GOODWIN, *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

NAUGATUCK, CONN.

Mrs. R. T. Daniel,
Griffin, Ga.

DEAR MADAM:—In behalf of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, I beg to extend to you our most sincere condolences upon the death of your husband and our respected Grand Sire, Robert T. Daniel. I can assure you that the deepest sympathy and regard of the brothers of this Jurisdiction is with you in this, your great affliction.

With highest esteem and regard, I beg to remain,

Yours most sincerely,

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS,
Grand Master, I. O. O. F.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

NAUGATUCK, CONN.

Hon. John B. Goodwin,
Grand Secy. I. O. O. F.,
Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—It is with a deep sense of loss and regret that in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut I beg to extend to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., our most sincere condolence on the death of the late Grand Sire, Robert T. Daniel, of Griffin, Ga.

With brotherly regards in F., L. and T.,

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS,
Grand Master, I. O. O. F.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

NAUGATUCK, CONN., September 11, 1915.

To the Noble Grand, Officers and Members of
.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.

MY DEAR BROTHERS:—I have thought it well at this time to direct your most earnest attention to the report recently sent out by your Grand Secretary. While, as he has said, we do not show the splendid

gain in membership that has been made for the corresponding period in recent reports, we should be far from discouraged. If the results of our labor have not been as large a gain in membership as we could have wished, still we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have perhaps have done well indeed under the trying circumstances in which we are placed. Some of the Lodges have done well indeed and to these I would say, let the fact of your success still further spur you to renewed efforts in behalf of our beloved Order and the knowledge of your success will be a still further incentive to those Lodges who have not been so successful to put forth efforts that will yet make them successful. To the Lodges who as yet have not been successful, I would say do not accept defeat but go over the ground most carefully and try and ascertain the causes that have led to this non-success. There is yet time and perhaps if these Lodges can only succeed in arousing the responsibility of each individual member to their duty, one and all putting forth a concerted effort toward securing new members, they cannot fail to forge ahead. I feel that in a great many instances this self-responsibility is not felt and that many members indeed are content to allow the greater part of the work to be carried on by the few faithful ones who always can be relied upon to do their level best. To those members who as yet through inattention or diffidence have not given their serious attention to this matter, I would say, will you not make a special effort at this time to save your Lodge from losing ground, as it is so much easier to maintain a steady growth than to make up for an opportunity once lost.

We are all engaged in a glorious work and have a splendid watchword—30,000 Members April 26, 1919—one that will require the most strenuous efforts that we can put forth, but the goal is worthy of our attainment. If the work seems hard and the mark set high indeed, remember that the earnest co-operation of all will render it easy of achievement and with increasing numbers still more easy to attain. Let us all, therefore, combine in making one more concerted and united effort, so that every Lodge in the Jurisdiction may report a gain in membership, however slight it may be, for the term ending December 31, 1915. If this result can only be attained, we will make a most splendid showing, as it is the Lodges who retrogress that minimize the work of the more active Lodges. Now, Brothers, a long pull and a strong pull and a pull together.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS,
Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

NAUGATUCK, CONN., October 6, 1915.

....., *D.D.G.M.,*
District No....., I. O. O. F.

MY DEAR DEPUTY:—Fully assured of your desire to co-operate with and assist me in any way possible in making the present a successful term, I have thought it advisable at this time to call your special attention to my letter of September 11, 1915 (copy of which was mailed

to you), and also the letter of the Grand Secretary, which is now placed in your hands and has been sent to the various Lodges throughout this Jurisdiction. I am sure you will realize the urgency of the occasion, and I wish to impress upon you the necessity of your visiting each one of the Lodges under your care and seeking to impress upon the officers and members the necessity of a special effort on their part to secure an increase in membership for the months of October, November and December, 1915, and in order that I may the better know how this movement is progressing I would ask you to kindly report to me in a short letter at the end of each month what the conditions are in your District and what the outlook is in each Lodge as regards progress. I am sure that the general result attained will more than repay us for the additional labor entailed.

Again asking your hearty co-operation and support, with kindest and best wishes to all the brothers,

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS,

Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

NAUGATUCK, CONN., December 11, 1915.

Brother....., D.D.G.M.,
District No....., I. O. O. F.:

The time for installation of officers is again fast approaching, and once more we have an opportunity afforded of doing all we possibly can for the advancement of our Order. Below you will find the passwords for the ensuing term embodied in the usual code. After communicating the passwords to the proper officers, will you without fail kindly return this copy to this office.

Please instruct the Noble Grand of each Lodge that he alone is responsible for the Rituals, and that they must be in the Lodge room every meeting night. Impress him with the fact that he must not permit them to be taken from his possession unless he has made a record of the name of the brother who has taken the Ritual and the date when such Ritual was taken. When installing verify the registered number of Rituals, and if any are missing, postpone installation and communicate with me. The Noble Grand will sign the receipts sent to you by the Grand Secretary before you are at liberty to communicate the passwords to him.

I am pleased indeed to report that harmony and good feeling has prevailed among the Lodges and that a hearty response has been made to all communications and instructions that have been sent out from time to time as occasion has required. I wish in particular to thank all my Deputies for their cordial response to my request for a monthly letter showing the condition of their District. I feel that this gives the Grand

Master much valuable information and at the same time has a tendency toward keeping the District Deputies in touch with the Lodges in their Districts. I would ask for a continuance of this for the remainder of my term of office.

I avail myself of this opportunity of thanking you for your good work and the valuable assistance and hearty co-operation you have rendered in your District and ask for the same loyal support for the coming term.

Most fraternally yours in F., L. and T.,

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS,

Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

NAUGATUCK, CONN., December 11, 1915.

Sister....., D.D.G.M.,
Rebekah District No. ....., I. O. O. F.

DEAR SISTER:—The time for installation of officers is again fast approaching, and again an opportunity is afforded of doing all we possibly can for the advancement of our Order. Below you will find the passwords for the ensuing term embodied in the usual code. After communicating the passwords to the proper officers, you will return this copy to this office without fail.

Please instruct the Noble Grand of each Lodge that she is responsible for the Rituals and that they must be in the Lodge room every meeting night. You will impress upon her the fact that she must not allow any of them to be taken from her possession unless she has a record of the name of the sister using the Ritual and the date when taken. When installing verify the registererd numbers of the Rituals and if any are missing, postpone installation and communicate with me. The Noble Grand will sign the receipts sent to you by the Grand Secretary, before you are at liberty to communicate the passwords.

I wish to convey my appreciation of what has already been accomplished by the Lodges under your care and ask for a continuance of the same loyal support and hearty co-operation for the coming term, Impress upon the members the importance and necessity of each and every one doing their utmost for the advancement of our Order. If all will realize how important their individual efforts are we cannot fail to succeed. Seek to retain the harmony that at present prevails and endeavor to prevent friction arising from any cause.

Asking for a continuance of your best efforts towards making this a most successful and harmonious term and with my most sincere thanks for the loyal support you have already given me, I beg to remain, with very best wishes,

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS,

Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

NAUGATUCK, CONN., February 26, 1916.

To the Noble Grand, Officers and Members of
.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.

MY DEAR BROTHERS:—I desire at this time to extend to you my congratulations upon the good work that has been accomplished in our Jurisdiction during the past year. While this may not perhaps fulfill our most sanguine expectations, still, when we consider the trying and abnormal conditions through which we have passed during that period, we must indeed be pleased with the progress we have made. From the report recently submitted to you by the Grand Secretary you must have gathered a complete understanding of the condition of our Order in this Jurisdiction, and would wish to call your attention to the splendid record that has been made during his tenure of office as Grand Secretary.

We have yet time, brothers, if all unite in its accomplishment, to celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of our Order on April 26, 1919, with 30,000 Odd Fellows in Connecticut. The indications are that our Lodges are showing a general revival all along the line and good reports are coming in from many of our larger Lodges, and I urge upon you, brothers, to keep this interest alive by seeking to impress upon all the importance of every member doing his share. While we have done well, I can but think how much more splendid the record might have been if every member of our Order in the State of Connecticut had done all they could and all they should toward the advancement of our Order. Now, brothers, let us all unite and see if we can increase our membership to 25,000 members June 30, 1916. It can and will most assuredly be done if all will give their best efforts. Will you make this effort?

Thanking the various Lodges and individual members for their many courtesies and the hearty response that has been made to my appeals for support,

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS,

Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

NAUGATUCK, CONN., February 26, 1916.

To the Noble Grand, Officers and Members of
.....Rebekah Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.

MY DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—I desire at this time to extend my sincere thanks and congratulations for the success that has attended the efforts of the members of the Rebekah branch of our Order during the past year. While the increase is not perhaps as large as has been made during some corresponding periods, I think it is very satisfactory indeed under the present trying and abnormal conditions. From the report recently submitted to you by the Grand Secretary you must

have gathered a complete understanding of the condition of the Rebekah branch of our Order, and would wish to call your attention to the splendid record made during his tenure of office as Grand Secretary. May we not feel encouraged from this splendid result of our efforts and resolve that each and every one shall do our best for the advancement of our Order? While we have done well, I can but think how much more splendid the record might have been if every member of our Order in the State of Connecticut had done all they could and all they should as members of our Order towards securing results. I wish to thank the various Lodges and individual members for the courtesy they have always extended me, and trust that my successor in office may receive the same loyalty and support.

Hoping that this may be one of the most successful years in the history of the Rebekah branch of this Jurisdiction, and again thanking you for your courtesy and co-operation.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS,
Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

NAUGATUCK, CONN.

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, GREETING:

In obediance to the Proclamation of our Grand Sire, J. B. A. Robertson, I, Robert T. W. Adams, Grand Master of Connecticut, do hereby issue this Proclamation and most respectfully request each Lodge in this Jurisdiction to celebrate the Ninety-seventh Anniversary of our Order with appropriate ceremonies on some day as near the Twenty-sixth day of April as may be most convenient. Let us assemble in our Lodge rooms in a spirit of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the abundant gifts that have been bestowed upon our Order and upon us as individuals. On Wednesday, April 26 (which will be observed as "Home Day") appropriate exercises will be observed at our beautiful I. O. O. F. Home at Groton, and it is desired and expected that representatives from each Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge within this Jurisdiction shall join with the Grand Officers and residents of the Home in celebrating this joyous occasion. The residents of the Home look forward to this occasion with much pleasurable anticipation, and the management spare no pains to make it indeed enjoyable, and I therefore trust that all who can conveniently attend will make an effort to be present.

As this is also Donation Day, I trust that each Lodge will contribute something to the Home on or before April 26, and that the donation may be included in the list on that day. The cause is most worthy, and the good that can be accomplished is much indeed. Let all contribute as generously as possible to the support of the Home, of which we all feel justly proud. All trains will stop at Fairview upon that day, but the majority of the members will leave New London station at 1.30 P. M. in time for the exercises, which commence at 2 o'clock.

Done at Naugatuck, Connecticut, this the eleventh day of March, Anno Domini Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen, and of our Order the ninety-seventh year.

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS,
Grand Master.

Attest:
WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON, *Grand Secretary.*

1819 ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION 1916

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To the Officers and Members of Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to all whom it may concern:

In accordance with usage and the resolution of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I, J. B. A. Robertson, Grand Sire, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby enjoin upon all Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Order to take appropriate action for the due commemoration of the Ninety-Seventh Anniversary of our Order on the Twenty-sixth day of April, 1916, by suitable exercises in observance of the day and by public thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold mercies to us as individuals and as an Order.

Done at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this the Twenty-first day of February, Anno Domini nineteen hundred and sixteen, and of the Order the ninety-seventh year.

J. B. A. ROBERTSON, *Grand Sire.*

Attest:
JOHN B. GOODWIN, *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

NAUGATUCK, CONN.

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

To the Members of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, I. O. O. F., of the Jurisdiction of Connecticut, GREETING:

In accordance with the proclamation of J. B. A. Robertson, Grand Sire, Tuesday, June 13, has been selected as a day for appropriate services in memory of our departed brothers and sisters; and I hereby request all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges in this Jurisdiction to set apart a day nearest June 13 most convenient to be appropriately observed with suitable memorial recognition as a tribute of respect to the memory of the departed brothers and sisters.

Another year has rolled away and brought again our day of memories, when we as grateful members of our beloved Order should pay our loving tribute to our fallen heroes and those who have contributed so much to the advancement and well being of the cause in which we are all engaged. Let us then assemble and with suitable exercises

decorate the graves of those who in the past days have been loyal and true to the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, and observe in the most appropriate manner the memory of all those who have passed away and help by our love and sympathy those who are left to mourn. Since our last Memorial Day many of those prominent in our Order have been called away and their loss to us cannot be estimated for "none knew them but to love them and none named them but to praise." Let us therefore contemplate the virtues of these our departed members and at least seek to emulate what we cannot hope to surpass.

Done at Naugatuck, Connecticut, this twenty-ninth day of April, 1916, and of our Order the Ninety-seventh year.

ROBERT T. W. ADAMS,
Grand Master.

Attest:
WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON, *Grand Secretary.*

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

In accordance with the requirements of the standing resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I, J. B. A. Robertson, Grand Sire, do hereby request all Subordinate Lodges under the various Jurisdictions of the Order that have suffered loss of membership by death, to assemble on the Second Tuesday of June Next, being the 13th day of June, 1916, and engage in appropriate services respecting their dead members, such services to be conducted in an appropriate manner; *provided,* that if a different day be more convenient for any Jurisdiction to hold such memorial services, the Grand Master thereof may select such day, and the Grand Master may issue his proclamation in accordance therewith.

Information of the decease of the following prominent and representative members of the Order has been received since our last Memorial Day, viz.:

Georgia—May 27, 1915, Robert T. Daniel, Grand Sire; aged 55 years.
Alabama—May 28, 1915, Jacob Pepperman, Past Grand Representative; aged 68 years.
Arkansas—July 16, 1916, John B. Bond, Past Grand Representative.
————June 11, 1915, J. O. A. Sullivan, Past Grand Representative; aged 67 years.
British Columbia—April 4, 1915, Charles S. Keith, Past Grand Representative; aged 49 years.
————April 18, 1915, James Crossan, Past Grand Representative; aged 60 years.
————April 22, 1915, J. R. Webster, Past Grand Representative; aged 55 years.
California—H. J. Tilden, Past Grand Representative.
————May 27, 1915, Richard D. Gummoe, Past Grand Representative; aged 70 years.

————December 21, 1915, Henry F. G. Wulff, Past Grand Representative.

————March 1, 1916, L. W. S. Downs, Past Grand Representative; aged 76 years.

Connecticut—January 3, 1916, Newell J. Bailey, Past Grand Representative; aged 71 years.

Iowa—August 22, 1915, W. K. English, Past Grand Representative; aged 63 years.

————July 30, 1915, James F. Spare, Past Grand Representative; aged 63 years.

Kansas—March 22, 1916, William Mathewson, Past Grand Representative; aged 84 years.

Maine—April 12, 1915, Alfred S. Kimball, Grand Representative; aged 72 years.

————September 24, 1915, William W. Cutter, Past Grand Representative; aged 64 years.

Manitoba—December 4, 1915, Ernest G. Wiswell, Past Grand Representative; aged 54 years.

————January 8, 1916, Harry Barton Rose, Past Grand Representative; aged 69 years.

Massachusetts—October 13, 1915, Charles B. Perry, Past Grand Representative; aged 57 years.

Michigan—March 30, 1915, John Blanchard Penfield, Past Grand Representative; aged 59 years.

————January 15, 1916, Alfred Milnes, Past Grand Representative; aged 71 years.

————February 26, 1916, Charles Loomes Edwards, Past Grand Representative; aged 47 years.

Mississippi—March 11, 1916, Wiley B. Nash, Past Grand Representative; aged 69 years.

Montana—July 24, 1915, Massena Bullard, Past Grand Representative; aged 64 years.

Nevada—November 1, 1915, John S. Kaneen, Past Grand Representative; aged 87 years.

New Hampshire—August 10, 1915, John H. Albin, Past Grand Representative; aged 71 years.

New York—March 31, 1915, George W. Chapman, Past Grand Representative; aged 67 years.

Ohio—March 26, 1916, John N. Van Deman, Past Grand Representative; aged 71 years.

Ontario—October 13, 1915, Thomas Woodyatt, Past Grand Representative; aged 70 years.

————December 13, 1915, Wilmot Henry Cole, Past Grand Representative; aged 83 years.

Oregon—February 3, 1916, William I. Vawter, Past Grand Representative; aged 53 years.

Pennsylvania—September 12, 1915, William A. Witherup, Past Grand Representative; aged 70 years.

Quebec—August 13, 1915, John Shirlow, Past Grand Representative; aged 46 years.

South Dakota—November 30, 1915, Frank S. Emerson, Grand Representative; aged 69 years.

Tennessee—March 17, 1916, I. W. Holt, Past Grand Representative; aged 68 years.

Wisconsin—October 27, 1915, Martin Rich, Past Grand Representative; aged 79 years.

————March 7, 1916, David H. Wright, Past Grand Representative; aged 95 years.

————June 8, 1915, John L. Fulton, Past Grand Representative; aged 61 years.

Wyoming—June 14, 1915, John A. Fischer, Past Grand Representative.

Done at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this eleventh day of April, 1916, and of our Order the ninety-seventh year.

(Seal) J. B. A. ROBERTSON, *Grand Sire.*

Attest:

JOHN B. GOODWIN, *Grand Secretary.*

In concluding this report of my official acts as Grand Master, I wish to thank all those who have so ably and loyally assisted me during my year of office. The year has been most enjoyable and the relations established most harmonious. One of the pleasantest things in this connection is the opportunity that has been afforded me of meeting so many of the brothers and sisters in this Jurisdiction. The pleasant associations and friendships formed could not have been mine except in this manner and I trust that many of them will be continued and will always remain in my memory and regard as a pleasant recollection of my year of office.

I wish again to thank the D.D.G.M.'s who have so ably assisted me and also my brother officers of the Grand Lodge who have rendered me such valuable assistance and unfailing courtesy. To my successor in office I would bequeath the same loyal support that has been so generously bestowed upon me, and a wish that the coming year may be a most successful one.

Fraternally yours,

Robert J. W. Adams.
Grand Master.

On motion the report of the Grand Master was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Secretary submitted his report:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I herewith submit my report for the year:

Number of Lodges per last report 92

Finances.

Total assets Subordinate Lodges, January 1, 1915		$930,684.85
Total recipts Subordinate Lodges for the year 1915		244,272.40
		$1,174,957.25
Deduct decrease in valuation of real estate, regalia, paraphernalia, etc.		2,009.07
		$1,172,948.18
From which deduct—		
Amount paid for relief	$132,296.62	
Amount paid for expenses	103,775.60	
		$236,072.22
Total assets January 1, 1916		$936,875.96
Net gain in assets for the year		6,191.11
Total invested funds		765,679.52
Invested in regalia, paraphernalia, etc.		171,196.44

Number of brothers relieved, 2,879.

Number of weeks for which benefits were paid, 26,791.

Membership.

Members January 1, 1915—		
Contributing members		24,091
Non-contributing members		73
Total		24,164
Add—		
For previous error	3	
Initiated	1,031	
Admitted by card	67	
Reinstated	33	
		1,134
		25,298

From which deduct—		
For previous error	9	
Withdrawn by card	91	
Suspended	512	
Expelled	3	
Deceased	389	
		1,004
Total membership January 1, 1916		24,294
Net gain for the year		130
Contributing members		24,217
Non-contributing members		77
Number of Rebekah Lodges, January 1, 1915		56
Instituted June 8, 1915, Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 57		1
Instituted February 28, 1916, Nesis Rebekah Lodge, No. 58		1
Instituted May 5, 1916, Dorcas Rebekah Lodge, No. 59		1
Total number of Rebekah Lodges		59

FINANCES.

Total funds of Rebekah Lodges, January 1, 1915		$42,014.19
Total receipts of Rebekah Lodges for the year 1915		14,934.95
Total		$56,949.14
From which deduct—		
Amount paid for expenses	$12,037.09	
Amount paid for relief	2,209.05	
		$14,246.14
Total funds January 1, 1916		$42,703.00
Net gain in funds for the year 1915		688.81

MEMBERSHIP.

	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.
Membership January 1, 1915			2,976	5,639	8,615
Add for previous error	3	2			
Initiated	254	535			
Admitted by card	15	30			
Reinstated	1	2			
			273	569	842
			3,249	6,208	9,457
From which deduct—					
For previous error	3	3			
Withdrawn	37	84			

Suspended	93	90			
Expelled	1	1			
Deceased	38	69			
			172	247	419
Total membership January 1, 1916			3,077	5,961	9,038
Net gain for the year			101	322	423
Contributing members			3,074	5,957	9,031
Non-contributing members			3	4	7

Membership Nesis Rebekah Lodge, No. 58, instituted February 28, 1916, 63; brothers, 25; sisters, 38. Dorcas Rebekah Lodge, No. 59, instituted May 5, 1916, 69; brothers, 30; sisters, 39.

Receipts of the Grand Lodge.

From May 1, 1915, to May 1, 1916.

Per Capita Tax	$4,830.70
Official Certificates	628.00
Past Grand Badges	187.25
Constitutions	87.41
Veteran Jewels	64.00
Veteran Buttons	20.00
Rebekah Veteran Jewels	37.75
Past President's Jewel	37.00
Odes	29.80
Withdrawal Cards	29.00
Ciphers	20.50
Membership Application Blanks	22.00
Visiting Cards	5.25
Rituals	62.50
Rosters	20.00
Charter Fees	45.00
New Codes, Sovereign Grand Lodge	130.00
Funeral Ceremonies	4.05
D.D.G.M. Jewels	19.50
Transfer Certificates	24.75
Dismissal Certificates	2.00
Book of Forms	1.00
Credential Blanks	2.50
Memorial Ceremonies	1.00
Question Books	3.00
Anniversary Ceremonies	.50
Ode Cards with Music	.10
Ode Books with Music	1.20

Prayer Cards	$ .30
Floor Work	1.60
Defunct Certificates	1.00
Bound Journal, Sovereign Grand Lodge	2.00
Total	$6,320.66

TABLE SHOWING RECEIPTS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES.

May 1, 1915, to May 1, 1916.

Lodge.	No.	Per Capita tax.	Home tax.	Official Certificates.		Supplies.	Total.
Quinnipiac	1	$ 56.40	$ 84.60			$ 3.10	$144.10
Charter Oak	2	137.20	205.80	2000—	$17.00	8.50	368.50
Middlesex	3	12.30	18.45	500—	4.25	11.50	46.50
Pequonnock	4	102.10	153.15			24.00	279.25
Harmony	5	48.50	72.75	1000—	8.50	3.05	132.80
Ousatonic	6	60.30	90.45			15.00	165.75
Samaritan	7	64.50	96.75	1000—	8.50	5.70	175.45
Empire	8	22.90	34.35			9.00	66.25
L. A. Thomas	9	20.50	30.75				51.25
Our Brothers	10	90.10	135.15	1000—	8.50	6.50	240.25
Uncas	11	57.60	86.40	500—	4.25	1.75	150.00
Central	12	77.00	115.50	1500—	12.75	17.75	223.00
Tycho Brahe	13	49.20	73.80	500—	4.25	22.25	149.50
Wopowage	14	24.30	36.45	500—	4.25	.25	65.25
Montewese	15	26.20	39.30	300—	2.25		67.75
Obwebetuck	16	30.30	45.45	500—	4.25	2.25	82.25
Niantic	17	31.60	47.40			2.00	81.00
Progressive	18	80.90	121.35	1000—	8.50	2.20	212.95
Protection	19	24.40	36.60	500—	4.25	1.50	66.75
Fenwick	20	25.50	38.25	500—	4.25	8.55	76.55
Nosahogan	21	176.80	265.20	3200—	27.00	7.50	476.50
Thames	22	26.50	39.75	500—	4.25	17.10	87.60
Palisado	23	26.70	40.05	600—	5.00	7.75	79.50
Rippowam	24	87.60	131.40	1000—	8.50	.50	228.00
Crescent	25	62.90	94.35			2.00	159.25
Stonington	26	68.80	103.20	500—	4.25	5.00	181.25
Shetucket	27	48.50	72.75	1000—	8.50	19.25	149.00
Hancock	28	42.20	63.30	500—	4.25		109.75
Reliance	29	15.50	23.25			6.85	45.60
Clifton	30	61.20	91.80	1000—	8.50	2.00	163.50
King David	31	86.60	129.90	1000—	8.50	16.68	241.68
Wauseon	32	12.40	18.60	500—	4.25	2.55	37.80
Israel Putnam	33	51.90	77.85	500—	4.25	11.25	145.25
Quinebaug	34	23.60	35.40	500—	4.25		63.25

Portland	35	$19.60	$29.40	600—	$5.00	$ .35	$54.35
City	36	82.30	123.45	1000—	8.50	13.20	227.45
Wooster	37	42.90	64.35			7.25	114.50
Monitor	38	55.10	82.65	1000—	8.50	2.30	148.55
Croswell	39	34.80	52.20	1000—	8.50	2.10	97.60
Svea	40	42.00	63.00	600—	5.00	4.50	114.50
Arcanum	41	72.80	109.20	1000—	8.50	.10	190.60
Franklin	42	32.20	48.30	500—	4.25	8.65	93.40
Puritan	43	81.40	122.10	1000—	8.50	1.50	213.50
Scandia	44	20.80	31.20	500—	4.25	3.50	59.75
Summit	45	106.10	159.15	2000—	17.00	4.25	286.50
Pilgrim	46	25.10	37.65			3.50	66.25
Andree	47	81.10	121.65	1100—	9.25	29.00	241.00
Pequabock	48	39.80	59.70	1000—	8.50	2.00	110.00
Rising Star	49	29.10	43.65	500—	4.25	5.70	82.70
Canaan	50	16.90	25.35			5.90	48.15
Ridgely	51	92.00	138.00	1100—	9.25	10.00	249.25
Phenix	52	61.60	92.40			1.60	155.60
Elm	53	22.50	33.75	500—	4.25	4.75	65.25
Bell	54	18.90	28.35			1.00	48.25
Mohegan	55	70.90	106.35	1100—	9.25	2.00	188.50
Friendship	56	33.30	49.95	500—	4.25	7.10	94.60
Stephen Terry	59	80.80	121.20	1000—	8.50	2.25	212.75
Menuncatuck	62	37.30	55.95	1000—	8.50	2.60	104.35
Naugatuck	63	55.40	83.10	500—	4.25	2.50	145.25
Eclectic	64	24.10	36.15	500—	4.25	13.60	78.10
Good Shepherd	65	44.00	66.00	1000—	8.50	9.50	128.00
John Ericsson	67	96.90	145.35	2000—	17.00	3.50	262.75
Meriden Center	68	38.10	57.15	500—	4.25	3.50	103.00
Accanant	71	32.90	49.35	500—	4.25		86.50
Lexington	72	66.00	99.00	1000—	8.50	6.50	180.00
Mechanics	73	68.50	102.75	2000—	17.00	5.50	193.75
Sequassen	74	23.00	34.50	500—	4.25	2.00	63.75
Eureka	75	43.60	65.40	500—	4.25	7.50	120.75
Polar Star	77	38.70	58.05	600—	5.00		101.75
Germania	78	48.00	72.00	200—	1.50		121.50
Adelphian	80	84.30	126.45	1000—	8.50	5.50	224.75
Webb	81	32.30	48.45	500—	3.75	4.00	88.50
Hartford	82	75.30	112.95	1600—	13.50	.75	202.50
Steuben	83	25.70	38.55	500—	4.25	18.45	86.95
Seaside	84	12.00	18.00	100—	.75	2.00	32.75
Pequot	85	88.70	133.05	1000—	8.50	13.00	243.25
Relief	86	84.10	126.15	2000—	17.00	12.85	240.10
Pacific	87	22.60	33.90	500—	4.25	3.00	63.75
Crystal	88	21.90	32.85	500—	4.25	5.50	64.50
Townsend	89	157.10	235.65	2200—	18.50	18.50	429.75

Oronoque	90	$40.30	$60.45	500—	$4.25	$4.35	$109.35
Humboldt	91	56.30	84.45			.85	141.60
Schiller	92	15.10	22.65			.50	38.25
Connecticut	93	61.60	92.40	500—	4.25	2.30	160.55
Lessing	94	28.90	43.35	1000—	8.50		80.75
Teutonia	95	15.30	22.95			1.50	39.75
Gerstaecker	96	30.70	46.05			3.50	80.25
Butler	97	81.80	122.70	1000—	8.50	3.00	216.00
Beethoven	98	22.20	33.30			1.75	57.25
S. H. Harris	99	142.80	214.20	2000—	17.00	15.60	389.60
Centennial	100	55.70	83.55	1100—	9.25	5.50	154.00
Fairview	101	64.50	96.75	1000—	8.50	1.75	171.50
Miscellaneous	....					140.20	140.20
		$4,830.70	$7,246.05	64,900—	$557.75	$686.83	$13,321.33

Add Flood Fund returned by Ohio and Indiana paid to Treasurer by vote Grand Lodge session 1915..... 103.75

$13,425.08

TABLE SHOWING FECEIPTS FROM REBEKAH LODGES.

May 1, 1915, to May 1, 1916.

Lodge.	No.	Per Capita tax.	Official Certificates.		Supplies.	Total.
Naomi	1	$12.24			$ .75	$12.99
Rachel	2	12.88	200—	$1.50	2.25	16.63
New Haven	3	11.44			.60	12.04
Charity	4	43.44	500—	4.25	2.50	50.19
Sylvan	5	17.28			2.00	19.28
Fidelity	6	19.76	200—	1.50	.75	22.01
Esther	7	8.56				8.56
Winona	8	15.04			3.25	18.29
Ells-Wood	9	13.12			1.50	14.62
Lady Fenwick	10	8.88				8.88
Stella	11	16.96			2.00	18.96
Priscilla	12	13.92	200—	1.50	4.75	20.17
Freundschaft	13	18.56	500—	4.25	12.75	35.56
Deborah	14	11.84				11.84
Columbia	15	10.48	500—	4.25		14.73
Myrtle	16	11.84				11.84
Union	17	6.32			2.00	8.32
Miriam	18	39.44	500—	4.25	2.00	45.69
Eintracht	19	7.92			.25	8.17
Osprey	20	14.64			4.05	18.69
Hope	21	9.36				9.36
Evening Star	22	11.04			1.00	12.04

Isabelle	23	$3.52				$3.52
Ruth	24	8.48	100—	$ .75	$ .75	9.98
Crystal	25	19.60	500—	4.25	3.50	27.35
Harmonie	26	10.56				10.56
Orient	27	6.08				6.08
Ruthie	28	3.84	100—	.75		4.59
Aquilla	29	9.44	500—	4.25		13.69
Echo	30	15.36	500—	4.25	1.00	20.61
Marion	31	3.84				3.84
Laurel	32	12.08			1.00	13.08
Mizpah	33	13.44	500—	4.25	3.75	21.44
Myriad	34	4.80	100—	.75	1.50	7.05
Columbian	35	18.72				18.72
Ivy	36	7.84	100—	.75	.25	8.84
Valley	37	16.64			2.15	18.79
Mayflower	38	9.52	100—	.75	.50	10.77
Sunset	39	19.44			3.50	22.94
Maida	40	9.12	500—	4.25	.75	14.12
Magnolia	41	14.64	200—	1.50	2.00	18.14
Eureka	42	19.52	500—	4.25	6.45	30.22
Palm	43	9.12				9.12
Faith	44	4.96	100—	.75	.50	6.21
Martha	45	7.12	200—	1.50	2.00	10.62
Venona	46	4.32			.25	4.57
Welcome	47	17.68	500—	4.25	1.25	23.18
Anchor	48	6.88			1.00	7.88
Queen Esther	49	4.72	100—	.75	.25	5.72
Home	50	12.32				12.32
Mary	51	9.60			4.53	14.13
Hazel	52	3.84				3.84
Medora	53	7.52	500—	4.25	.50	12.27
Unity	54	16.00	500—	4.25	.25	20.50
Our Sisters	55	12.80			3.00	15.80
Mystic	56	10.80			4.60	15.40
Violet	57		200—	1.50	37.00	38.50
Nesis	58		100—	.75	34.50	35.25
Dorcas	59				16.00	16.00
		$689.12	8,500—	$70.25	$175.13	$934.50

RECAPITULATION.

Subordinate Lodges, Per Capita Tax.....	$4,830.70
Subordinate Lodges, Home Tax.....	7,246.05
Subordinate Lodges, Official Certificates.....	557.75
Subordinate Lodges, Supplies.....	686.83
Flood Fund, returned by Grand Lodges of Ohio and Indiana	103.75
Rebekah Lodges, Per Capita Tax.....	689.12

Rebekah Lodges, Official Certificates	$ 70.25
Rebekah Lodges, Supplies	175.13
Total	$14,359.58
Paid to Sidney W. Challenger, Grand Treasurer	$6,424.41
Paid to Wallace R. Johnson, Secretary, I. O. O. F. Home	7,246.05
Paid to Mary E. Johnson, Secretary, Rebekah State Assembly	689.12
Total	$14,359.58

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES ON HAND APRIL 30, 1916.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Supplies.	On hand April 30, 1915.	Purchased during the year.	Total.	Sold during the year.	On hand April 30, 1916.	Value.
Past Grand Badges	225		225	107	118	$206.50
Subordinate Lodge Constitutions	13,350		13,350	6,850	6,500	74.75
Applications for Membership	1,500	10,000	11,500	1,000	10,500	105.00
Question Books	4		4	2	2	3.00
Ciphers (English)	16	100	116	39	77	38.50
Ciphers (German)	8		8		8	4.00
Credential Blanks (pads)	124		124	25	99	9.90
Rituals (English)	7	12	9	13	6	15.00
Rituals (German)	5		5		5	12.50
Floor Work	15		15	3	12	4.80
Books of Forms	2		2	1	1	1.00
Installation (German)	1		1		1	.75
Official Certificates	1,900	72,000	73,900	64,900	9,000	67.50
Withdrawal Cards	92		92	27	65	16.25
Visiting Cards	1	50	51	21	30	7.50
Dismissal Certificates	23		23	6	17	4.25
Transfer Certificates	5	100	105	79	26	6.50
Ode Books with music	9		9	2	7	4.20
Ode Cards with music	135		135		135	13.50
Ode Cards (English)	176	700	876	455	421	20.05
Ode Cards (Danish)	101		101		101	5.05
Anniversary Ceremonies (English)	27		27		27	6.75
Memorial Ceremonies (English)	16		16	4	12	3.00

Funeral Ceremonies (English)	79		79	15	64	$16.00
Funeral Ceremonies (German)	23		23		23	5.75
Prayer Cards (English)	92		92	6	86	4.30
Funeral Cards (English)	35		35		35	1.75
Funeral Cards (German)	190		190		190	9.50
Anniversary Odes (English)	24		24		24	1.20
Emblem Chart	1		1		1	2.50
Total						$671.25

REBEKAH LODGES.

Supplies.	On hand April 30, 1915.	Purchased during the year.	Total.	Sold during the year.	On hand April 30, 1916.	Value.
Rituals (English)	4	22	26	12	14	$35.00
Membership Applications	2,600		2,600	1,200	1,400	14.00
Constitutions	8,075		8,075	775	7,300	83.85
Official Certificates	400	11,500	11,900	8,500	3,400	25.50
Withdrawal Cards	96		96	89	7	1.75
Visiting Cards	6		6		6	1.50
Dismissal Certificates	22		22	3	19	4.75
Transfer Certificates	59		59	20	39	9.75
Ciphers (English)	4	50	54	4	50	25.00
Ciphers (German)	9		9		9	4.50
Rebekah Codes	7		7		7	8.10
Floor Work	8		8	1	7	2.80
Ode Cards with music (English)	125		125	1	124	12.40
Ode Cards (English)	240		240	135	105	5.25
Ode Cards (German)	150		150		150	7.50
Funeral Ceremonies (English)	61		61	5	56	8.40
Funeral Ceremonies (German)	16		16		16	2.40
Memorial Ceremonies (English)	18		18		18	4.50
Anniversary Ceremonies (English)	20		20	2	18	4.50
Total						$255.45

Value of Subordinate Lodge Supplies	$671.25
Value of Rebekah Lodge Supplies	255.45
Total value of Supplies	$926.70

New Rebekah Lodges.

Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Willimantic, Tuesday, June 8, 1915, at 4.00 P. M., with the following charter members: Wallace A. Smith, P.G.; Florence V. Williams, Ruth C. Smith; Mary E. Lovett, P.N.G.; Adelaide C. Woodill; Elsie A. Andrews, P.N.G.; Hattie F. Cohen, Walter H. Woodill, Charles W. Andrews; Charles E. Lovett, P.G.; Fred. H. Williams, N.G.; Jacob Cohen, Ernest L. Nobles, Ida M. Chamberlain; Elmer M. Young, P.G.

The Degree was conferred on eighty candidates in the evening by the Degree staff of Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., of Norwich, in a very dignified and impressive manner.

The installation of the elective officers in the afternoon and the appointive officers in the evening, was conducted by Sister Katie J. Reynolds, President, Acting D.D.G.M., assisted by Sisters Minnie P. Raymond, Warden, Acting D.D.G.W; Grace E. Wiley, P.N.G., Acting D.D.G.Sec; Clara B M. Douglass, Treasurer, Acting D.D.G.Treas.; Sister Hart, P.N.G., Acting D.D.G.Chap.; Sister Parsons, P.N.G., Acting D.D.G.G.; Mary E. Finkle, Vice-President, Acting D.D.G. Marshal; and Sister Spalding, P.N.G., Pianist, in "Form."

The following officers were installed: Mary E. Lovett, P.N.G., Noble Grand; Elsie A. Andrews, P.N.G., Vice-Grand; Clara H. Beebe, Recording Secretary; Ruth C. Smith, Financial Secretary; Adelaide C. Woodill, Treasurer; Florence V. Williams, Warden; Minnie E. Mathieu, Conductor; George Allen, Outside Guardian; Annie Battey, Chaplain; Arelena Loomis, R.S.N.G.; Grace Edmonds, L.S.N.G.; Hattie F. Cohen, Inside Guardian; Della B. Willard, R.S.V.G.; Lena A. Gates, L.S.V.G.

The Grand Officers present at the institution were: F. Henry Monroe, Deputy Grand Master; George M. Chapman, Grand Warden; William S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary. From the Rebekah State Assembly: Katie J. Reynolds, President; Mary E. Finkle, Vice-President; Minnie P. Raymond, Warden; Clara B. M. Douglass, Treasurer; members of Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 21; Ruthie Rebekah Lodge, No. 28, and from other Jurisdictions.

Nesis Rebekah Lodge, No. 58, I. O. O. F., was instituted at East Hampton, Monday, February 28, 1916, at 4.50 P. M., with the following charter members: Charles E. Torkelson, Amelia M. Torkelson, Curtis P. Brown, John S. Carpenter, Catherine T. Carpenter, Howard Barton, Eva M. Barton, Harlan G. Hills, Maud A. Clark, Otis H. Goff, Eva Goff.

The degree was conferred on fifty-two candidates in the evening by the Degree staff of Priscilla Rebekah Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F., of Middletown, in a splendid and impressive manner.

The installation of the elective officers in the afternoon and the appointive officers in the evening, was conducted by Sister Gertrude

E. Wilcox, D.D.G.M., Rebekah District, No. 12, assisted by Sisters Maude Briggs, D.D.G.Marshal; Blanche Phelps, D.D.G.W.; May Callender, D.D.G.Sec.; Mattie T. Lowrie, D.D.G.Treas.; Roena L. Baker, D.D.G.Chap.; Mary Frazier, D.D.G.Guardian; Lydia Roberts, D.D.G.Herald; and Eva Kieft, N.G., Priscilla Rebekah Lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., Pianist, in "Regular Form."

The following officers were installed: Maud A. Clark, Noble Grand; Catherine T. Carpenter, Vice-Grand; Eva M. Goff, Recording Secretary; Eva M. Barton, Financial Secretary; Amelia M. Torkelson, Treasurer; Ruby Dickinson, Warden; Bertha Markham, Conductor; Annie Johnson, Chaplain; Emma Taylor, R.S.N.G.; Grace Carpenter, L.S.N.G.; Mary Olmstead, R.S.V.G.; Katherine Morgan, L.S.V.G.; Florence Nelson, Inside Guardian; Lulu Goff, Outside Guardian.

The Grand Officers present at the institution were: Robert T. W. Adams, Grand Master; F. Henry Monroe, Deputy Grand Master; William S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary. From the Rebekah State Assembly: Katie J. Reynolds, President; Mary E. Finkle, Vice-President; Minnie P. Raymond, Warden; Mary E. Johnson, Secretary; Clara B. M. Douglass, Treasurer; also Sister Gertrude E. Wilcox, D.D.G.M., Rebekah District No. 12, I. O. O. F., and staff, and members from Priscilla Rebekah Lodge, No. 12; Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 18, and Medora Rebekah Lodge, No. 53.

Dorcas Rebekah Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Danielson. Friday, May 5, 1916, at 4:30 P. M., with the following charter members: Lizzie F. Prentice, Ida M. Gallup, Lydia A. Williams, Henry V. Haswell, Annie A. Haswell, Maria E. Bennett, Z. Geneva Andrews, William H. Williams, Sadie D. Fulton, Annie L. Page.

The degree was conferred on fifty-nine candidates in the evening by the degree staff of Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F., of Putnam, in a very impressive manner.

The installation of the Noble Grand, Vice-Grand and Recording Secretary in the afternoon was conducted by Sister Sarah A. Jeffers, D.D.G.M., Rebekah District No. 17, assisted by Sisters Margaret Hart, D.D.G.Warden; Hattie Parsons, D.D.G.Secretary; Lillie Leach, D.D.G.Treasurer; Minnie Amburn, D.D.G.Marshal; Mary Tinker. D.D.G.Chaplain; Elizabeth Campbell, D.D.G.Guardian, in "Regular Form." (The installation of the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and appointive officers will take place at the next meeting of the Lodge, May 17, 1916.)

The following are the officers chosen for the present term: Annie A. Haswell, Noble Grand; Ida M. Gallup, Vice-Grand; Maria E. Bennett, Recording Secretary; Estella A. Young, Financial Secretary; Lilian Bailey. Treasurer; Mrs. Chester W. Hutchins, R.S.N.G.; Mrs.

Ralph Young, L.S.N.G.; Mrs. Ida Place, Chaplain; Miss Mildred Burton, Warden; Mrs. Edwin Bennett, Conductor; Miss Rose Brought, Inside Guardian; Henry V. Haswell, Outside Guardian; Miss Cora A. Shippee, R.S.V.G.; Miss Lillian Nutall, L.S.V.G.; Miss Frances P. Wheatley, Pianist. The Grand Officers present at the institution were: Robert T. W. Adams, Grand Master; George M. Chapman, Grand Warden; William S. Hutchison. Grand Secretary. From the Rebekah State Assembly: Mary E. Finkle, President; Minnie P. Raymond, Vice-President; Mary E. Johnson, Secretary; Clara B. M. Douglass, Treasurer; Sarah A. Jeffers, D.D.G.M., Rebekah District No. 17, and members from Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 21; Ruthie Rebekah Lodge, No. 28; Mizpah Rbekah Lodge, No. 33, and Violet Rebekah Lodge. No. 57.

In my report to this Grand Body, May 18, 1910, held in the City of Waterbury, I submitted the following:

Financial Secretary and Treasurer to Furnish a Bond.

This is a subject to which I have given considerable thought since assuming the duties of Grand Secretary, as I do not think our present practice in this important matter is to be commended. I have been surprised to find the lack of uniformity not only as to bonding of the officers of our Subordinate Lodges, but also as to furnishing of the bonds; some subordinate Lodges require a bond from the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, others from the Treasurer only, while some do not require either officer to furnish a bond; in some cases a personal bond is accepted, in others it is necessary that the bond be furnished by a Security Company. I think we will all agree, that it is not fair to ask any brother to go on the bond of any officer in a Subordinate Lodge, when the bond can be furnished from a Security Company, at a small cost to the Lodge. I am of the opinion that an amendment should be adopted to the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, requiring the Lodge to furnish a bond for the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, in some Security Company authorized to do business in the State of Connecticut; and naming a minimum amount required for the bond of each officer.

Upon investigation, I find that is is possible to get a schedule bond covering all the Lodges in this Jurisdiction, the maximum amount of the bond to be issued to each officer to be $1,500. I do not believe that any Lodge will require any larger bond from either their Financial Secretary or Treasurer.

If this plan is adopted the business of bonding the officers of the Subordinate Lodges would all be done through the Grand Lodge, and the Security Company, the Grand Lodge bonding the officers of each Subordinate Lodge for the amount specified in their By-Laws, not to

be less than the minimum amount prescribed by the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges. The Grand Lodge will pay the Security Company for the schedule bond, and would issue to each Lodge a certificate showing that their officers were bonded for the term covered by the schedule bond; and each Subordinate Lodge would re-imburse the Grand Lodge, for the actual cost of the amount for which their officers were bonded.

The advantage of this plan would be, that the office and not the individual would be bonded, so that in the event of any change in the Financial Secretary or Treasurer of a Lodge, it would not be necessary to have the bond changed, as would be the case were the individual named in the bond. It would also save the Subordinate Lodges the trouble of seeing that their officers were bonded, and the cost to the Lodge would be reduced at least one-third.

I hope that this will receive your careful consideration, and if it meets with your approval, that an amendment will be adopted to the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, at this session.

The following action was taken on same:

Representative Challenger from the Committee on Legislation submitted the following:

WATERBURY, CONN., May 18, 1910.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

Your Comittee on Legistlation, to which was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report as is found on pages 30 and 31, relating to bonding financial officers of Subordinate Lodges, would respectfully beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and are of the opinion that it is not advisable to make so radical a departure from the accepted custom relating to the management of the financial affairs of Subordinate Lodges, until these have had an opportunity to carefully consider the proposed legislation. We would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Reslved, That the consideration of the recommendation of the Grand Secretary relating to the bonding of Subordinate Lodge officers be continued to the next session of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify all Lodges of the proposed change, so that Representatives can act upon it with full consciousness of the importance of the proposed legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
S. W. CHALLENGER,
THEO. KASSENBROOK,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Annual session held at Danbury, May 17, 1911:

The Grand Secretary presented the recommendation submitted by him, on bonding Financial Secretary and Treasurer, which had been referred to the Lodges, on recommendation of the Committee on Legislation as found on page 794, Grand Lodge Journal, 1910.

Representative de Leeuw moved that the recommendation of the Grand Secretary on bonding Financial Secretaries and Treasurers be adopted.

After considerable discussion, the question was called for, the Grand Lodge voted no, and the Grand Master declared the motion lost.

I am still of the opinion that this is the only plan for bonding the officers of the Subordinate Lodges, and beg leave to again submit it for your consideration, without adding anything to my suggestions submitted in 1910, but, hoping that it may meet with your approval.

1906—1916.

Ten years ago at the annual sesion of this Grand Body, held in the city of Bridgeport, our honored and well-beloved brother, Frederick Botsford, P.G.M., P.G.P., P.G.Rep., who served this Grand Lodge faithfully for a period of thirty-seven years as Grand Secretary, was retired as Grand Secretary Emeritus, and I was elected to succeed him as Grand Secretary.

I assure you that the honor conferred at that time has been duly appreciated, and I have endeavored to measure up to the high standard established by my predecessor in this important office.

In completing this ten years of service, I desire to submit a brief statement showing the condition of the Order, when I assumed office and at the present time:

My predecessor reported to the annual session held in Bridgeport, May 16, 1906, 91 Subordinate Lodges; membership, 18,606; assets, $581,148.43. 51 Rebekah Lodges; membership, 6,188; brothers, 2,196; sisters, 3,992; assets, $33,345.88.

I am pleased to report as follows: January 1, 1916, 92 Subordinate Lodges; membership, 24.294; assets, $936,875.96. Gain in membership, 5,688; gain in assets, $355,727.53.

57 Rebekah Lodges; membership, 9,038; brothers, 3,077; sisters, 5,961; assets, $42,703.00. Gain in membership, 2,850; brothers,881; sisters, 1,969. Gain in assets, $9,357.12.

The ten years from 1906 to 1916, were the most successful decade in the history of the Order in Connecticut, in no other decade has there been as large an increase in membership or assets, not even in the decades when there have been many new lodges instituted, and you will note that we have only one more Subordinate Lodge than reported in 1906.

While we rejoice at the success attending our united efforts in this Jurisdiction during this decade, we are forcibly reminded of the great changes in the personnel of this Grand Body. And of the truthfulness of these words: "Death is in the world, and the spoiler is among the works of the Almighty. All that is born must die."

The "grim reaper" has been very busy and has called from our ranks many of the faithful workers, as well as many of the leaders whom we loved and delighted to honor, and to whom this Order owes an everlasting debt of gratitude for faithful and efficient service.

Nor has the "grim reaper" been any respecter of persons, but has called those brothers in the prime of their manhood, to whom we looked for many, many more years of that splendid leadership for which they were so eminently fitted. As well as those brothers who in the ripeness of years and fullness of service, were ready to lay down the cares and burdens of life.

Twelve Past Grand Masters have been called to the Grand Lodge above since January 1, 1906, to January 1, 1916:

John Blair, Grand Master, 1897-1898. Died August 10, 1906. Age 57.

Calvin S. Davis, Grand Master, 1904-1905. Died February 19, 1907. Age 60.

Jonathan W. Pond, Grand Master 1881-1882. Died May 18, 1908. Age 82.

Ralph Burnham, Grand Master, 1888-1889. Died January 16, 1908. Age 59.

Frederick S. Hunt, Grand Master 1890-1891. Died June 8, 1908. Age 59.

Hiram K. Scott, Grand Master, 1858-1859. Died November 9, 1909. Age 87.

Frederick Botsford, Grand Master, 1867-1868. Died July 7, 1909. Age 89.

George N. Moses, Grand Master, 1879-1880. Died April 27, 1910. Age 73.

George H. Cowell, Grand Master, 1891-1892. Died August 10, 1910. Age 70

Bradley S. Kieth, Grand Master, 1887-1888. Died October 21, 1910. Age 73.

Charles C. Jackson, Grand Master, 1868-1869. Died July 19, 1912. Age 88.

Leopold de Leeuw, Grand Master, 1894-1895. Died July 19, 1914. Age 54.

Our Watchword for April 26, 1919.

The question is often asked, will it be possible to reach the goal, "30,000 Members April 26, 1919"? We can only reply that there is no doubt of the final results, if we can get the hearty co-operation of every Lodge, and every brother will do his best.

If every *eight* (8) *members* enrolled on the books of the Subordinate Lodges December 31, 1915, will bring in *one* (1) *member* either by initiation or card, *each year,* for the years 1916, 1917, 1918, our goal will be attained. *"Preparedness"* is the word of the hour. Will you not *prepare* for an active, systematic campaign during the remaining time before our Order's 100th Anniversary April 26, 1919?

Conclusion.

You are to be congratulated on the success that has come to you during the last ten years, and may it only be an incentive to still greater efforts for the future. There never was a time in the history of the world when there was more need for the teachings and ministrations of Odd Fellowship.

May we in Connecticut prove worthy of the heritage of the fathers, and improving every opportunity, availing ourselves of the privileges of this great Order, go forward in our work, "until misfortune has no want to relieve and sorrow no tear to dry."

I thank you for the hearty co-operation you have always given the Grand Secretary, in the efforts made not only to increase our membership, but to improve the efficiency of the Lodges.

Fully appreciating all the courtesies and kindnesses extended by the Grand Officers, the Lodges and brothers and sisters during my term of office, I extend to the Grand Master, Grand Officers, Secretaries of the Lodges, and all the members my sincere thanks for the courtesies extended during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

William S. Hutchison
Grand Secretary

On motion the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Grand Treasurer herewith presents his report on the finances of the Grand Lodge for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916. The year has been a prosperous one financially and there is a most substantial increase in the balance, despite some added demands on account of the higher cost of material used in printing. The gain for the year is $823.64. A little over $100 of this is represented by the return of part of a donation to the Grand Lodge of Ohio and Indiana for the flood sufferers. Including this sum the increase in receipts has been $593.76. The expense account has been enlarged $269.01. Interest furnished income to the amount of $89.94.

The following is a statement of the accounts:

Grand Treasurer.

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To cash balance as per report, May 1, 1915	$3,826.16
To cash received from Grand Secretary for year ending April 30, 1916, as per receipts given	6,320.66
To cash from Grand Secretary, returns from Ohio and Indiana Grand Lodges	103.75
To interest Mechanics & Farmers Savings Bank	46.30
To interest City Savings Bank	43.64
	$10,340.51

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By payments on orders drawn by the Grand Secretary, from May 22, 1915, to April 29, 1916, Nos. 251 to 368, inclusive	$5,690.71	
By balance to credit of Grand Lodge	4,649.80	
		$10,340.51

Payments on Orders.

1915.			
May 22.	251	Robert T. Daniel, Grand Sire, expense	$ 35.00
" "	252	Henry C. Stevenson, G. M., expense	44.59
" "	253	Frank R Upson, Sam. Committee expense	54.78
" "	254	Rev. Chas. H. Smith, G. C. expense	10.58
" "	255	Frank W. Whiton, G. Herald salary	5.00
" "	256	Clarence R. Drew, G. L. expense	5.00
" "	257	Chas. B. Ware, Sam. Committee expense	3.92
" "	258	Frederic C.Burrows, Sam.Committee expense	2.00

May	22.	259	William S. Hutchison, salary	$133.33
"	"	260	William S. Hutchison, D. D. meeting	50.00
June	1.	261	The Stratfield Hotel, G. L. expense	103.10
"	"	262	Whitehead & Hoag Co., G. L. badges	96.00
"	"	263	Van Dyck & Co., printing	46.65
"	"	264	Underwood Typewriter Co., new typewriter	34.00
"	2.	265	John B. Goodwin, supplies	65.00
"	26.	266	John B. Goodwin, supplies	40.00
"	"	267	Van Dyck & Co., printing	14.50
"	"	268	McManus & Holcombe, bond	12.50
"	"	269	Mary B. Johnson, engrossing charter	1.50
"	"	270	William S. Hutchison, expense	20.92
"	"	271	William S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
July	3.	272	D. R. Alling, rent and janitor	59.00
"	"	273	S. N. E. Tel. Co., telephone	23.24
"	"	274	Cunningham & Co., awning	1.50
"	24.	275	John B. Goodwin, supplies	31.75
"	"	276	Sidney W. Challenger, salary	25.00
"	"	277	William S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
Aug.	2.	278	Van Dyck & Co., G. L. printing	822.21
"	"	279	Security Ins. Co., insurance	24.00
"	"	280	Henry H. Durgy, D. D. expense	15.00
"	"	281	Colin F. Wilson, D. D. expense	7.00
"	"	282	Charles D. Ayres, D. D. expense	6.20
"	"	283	Daniel W. Darrow, D. D. expense	6.00
"	"	284	Willis I. Fenn, D. D. expense	4.80
"	"	285	Chatfield Paper Co., expense	3.60
"	"	286	Samuel Z. Field, printing roster	60.00
"	21.	287	G. C. Case, D. D. expense	22.40
"	"	288	Tucker Garage Co., D. D. expense	8.00
"	"	289	John R. Rembert & Co., stationery	6.40
"	"	290	John H. Dieter, D. D. expense	2.60
"	"	291	William S. Hutchison, expense	100.10
"	"	292	William S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
"	24	293	Robert T. W. Adams, G. M. expense	89.72
"	"	294	William S. Hutchison, expense postage	129.04
"	28.	295	John B. Goodwin, supplies	62.50
"	"	296	Price & Lee Co., directory	6.00
Sept.	4.	297	Van Dyck & Co., printing	11.00
"	18	298	D. R. Alling, rent and janitor	59.00
"	"	299	Van Dyck & Co., printing	22.00
"	"	300	Sidney W. Challenger, G. T. expense	11.90
"	"	301	William S. Hutchison, expense	42.11
"	"	302	William S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
Oct.	9.	303	S. N. E. Tel. Co., telephone	16.24
"	30	304	John B. Goodwin, supplies	96.00
"	"	305	Van Dyck & Co., printing	6.50

Oct.	30.	306	Sidney W. Challenger, salary	$ 25.00
"	"	307	William S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
Nov.	20	308	Robert T. W. Adams, G. M. expense	32.27
"	"	309	William S. Hutchison, expense	33.61
"	"	310	William S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
"	27	311	John B. Goodwin, supplies	61.00
Dec.	11	312	Van Dyck & Co., printing	62.98
"	18	313	Robert T. W. Adams, G. M. expense	23.50
"	"	314	E. W. Bennett, Connecticut Guide	.50
"	24	315	William S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
1916.				
Jan.	4	316	John B. Goodwin, supplies	126.00
"	"	317	D. R. Alling, rent and janitor	59.00
"	"	318	S. N. E. Tel. Co., telephone	19.96
"	"	319	Van Dyck & Co., printing	5.00
"	"	320	John R. Rembert Co., pens	.90
"	22	321	Robert T. W. Adams, G. M. expense	22.67
"	"	322	Harry H. Woodward, D. D. expense	4.10
"	"	323	Van Dyck & Co., printing	5.00
"	"	324	Sidney W. Challenger, salary	25.00
"	"	325	William S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
"	"	326	William S. Hutchison, expense	47.38
"	25	327	Charles D. Ayers, D. D. expense	7.70
"	"	328	Sidney W. Challenger, G. T. expense	3.57
"	"	329	Progressive Printing Co., printing	3.75
Feb.	12.	330	John B. Goodwin, supplies	104.00
"	"	331	Samuel Z. Field, printing roster	60.00
"	"	332	G. C. Case, D. D. expense	22.70
"	"	333	W. O. Dauchy, D. D. expense	15.20
"	"	334	Otto Keser, D. D. expense	10.00
"	"	335	George M. Chapman, G. W. expense	4.56
"	"	336	Willis I. Fenn, D. D. expense	3.50
"	"	337	Daniel W. Darrow, D. D. expense	3.10
"	"	338	John H. Dieter, D. D. expense	2.60
"	"	339	John B. Goodwin, supplies	24.00
"	"	340	Henry C. Durgy, D. D. expense	14.00
"	"	341	William S. Hutchison, expense	38.04
"	"	342	William S. Hutchison, salary	133.33
Mar.	4.	343	Robert T. W. Adams, G. M. expense	35.90
"	"	344	Van Dyck & Co., printing	15.00
"	18	345	W. B. Carroll, D. D. expense	28.00
"	"	346	Rev. Chas. H. Smith, G. C. expense	4.92
"	25	347	John B. Goodwin, supplies	114.00
"	"	348	George M. Chapman, G. W. expense	3.17
"	"	349	F. Henry Monroe, D. D. M. expense	2.44
"	"	350	G. Encampment, Defunct Certificates	.60
"	"	351	William S. Hutchison, salary	133.33

Apr.	1.	352	Van Dyck & Co., printing	$ 87.26
"	"	353	D. R. Alling, rent and janitor	59.00
"	"	354	S. N. E. Tel. Co., telephone	22.24
"	"	355	Robert T. W. Adams, G. M. expense	19.55
"	8	356	John B. Goodwin, G. Rep. tax	150.00
"	"	357	A. E. Shoales, D. D. expense	23.05
"	"	358	George M. Chapman, G. W. expense	3.35
"	"	359	Chas. Gullberg, D. D. expense	3.25
"	15	360	Sidney W. Challenger, salary	25.00
"	"	361	William S. Hutchison, expense	26.84
"	"	362	William S. Hutchison, salary	133.37
"	22	363	Van Dyck & Co., printing	49.70
"	"	364	G. H. Rudolph, D. D. expense	6.58
"	"	365	John J. Mason, expense	2.50
"	29	366	John B. Goodwin, supplies	105.50
"	"	367	Anton J. Steiner, D. D. expense	2.50
"	"	368	George M. Chapman, G. W. expense	3.92
			Total	$5,690.71
			By balance to credit of Grand Lodge	4,649.80
			Total	$10,340.51

The funds of the Grand Lodge are deposited as follows:

With the Connecticut National Bank, subject to check	$1,832.24
With the Mechanics & Farmers Savings Bank, Bridgeport	1,193.05
With the City Savings Bank, Bridgeport	1,624.51
	$4,649.80

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY W. CHALLENGER,

Grand Treasurer.

On motion the report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Philip Pond, Grand Representative, submitted the report of the Grand Representatives:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To Robert T. W. Adams, Grand Master, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Dear Sir and Brother:—The Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to the Sovereign Grand Lodge respectfully submit their report of the proceedings of the ninety-first annual communication of that body held at San Francisco, California, September 20 to 25, 1915.

California some years before urged that the session of 1915 be held at San Francisco, that famed city being the site during the year of the great Panama-Pacific Exposition. It was the third session to be held at the Golden Gate, the sessions of 1869 and of 1904 being held at San Francisco. The great earthquake and fire occurred subsequent to the session of 1904 and the appearance of San Francisco when the representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge arrived was such as to cause unbounded admiration and great enthusiasm for American enterprise and resourcefulness in that the large and magnificent city had arisen so speedily out of the ashes consequent upon the great catastrophe.

Sovereign Grand Lodge week was ushered in on Sunday the 19th by special religious services at Calvary Presbyterian Church, of which an excellent sermon by the pastor, Rev. Josiah Sibley, was the feature. The sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge were never held in better surroundings, or with larger convenience. The session hall at the Scottish Rite Temple was a comfort to all. The Sovereign Grand Lodge opened for business on the forenoon of September 20th, but its session was preceded by the welcoming exercises held in the delightful General Assembly Room in the Scottish Rite Temple. Addresses of welcome were made by the Mayor of San Francisco and by the heads of the respective branches of the Order in that Jurisdiction, the acting Grand Sire responding effectively.

Two very important matters were before the Sovereign Body and it devoted itself to those two matters and frowned upon all attempts at other legislation, receiving the reports of the Grand Officers, passing upon the reports of the Judiciary Committee and upon the appeals that were presented. A new constitution for the Sovereign Grand Lodge and a code of laws for the Order were the two things upon which all attention was centered. Both were adopted. The way had been prepared for the adoption of the new constitution by the thorough discussion of the same indulged in at the preceding session. The report of the Code Committee was referred to a large special committee and that committee worked diligently and long upon the report before it, including the proposed new code. As a

consequence there was little or no discussion of the code upon the floor of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and it was adopted upon the report of this special committee. All this meant that the Sovereign Body itself was in actual session an extraordinarily and incredibly short time. Morning sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday were all that were necessary. The committees in general performed their accustomed work, but all new matters were either killed off in the committees, or summarily disposed of in the Sovereign Grand Lodge evidently consequent upon the determination to deliver to the Order a complete new code of laws. The entire day Wednesday was given up to a large and excellent parade of all branches of the Order on the Pacific slope, which crowded the streets of San Francisco in the forenoon, and to special exercises at the exposition grounds in the afternoon and evening. The great parade was generously commended and was assuredly a most inspiring demonstration upon the part of the brothers and sisters of the far West.

Connecticut drew excellent seats for the session, being on the central aisle and about two thirds of the way down the hall. The Connecticut Representatives were assigned to committees as follows:

Canfield to Petitions.
Fuller to Correspondence.
Stevenson to International Relations.
Pond to Legislation.

The loss of Grand Sire Daniel was deeply felt and cast its sadness over the session. Not only had the Order sustained the irreparable loss that came to it in the passing of the Grand Sire, whose great service so enthusiastically rendered was proving so effective, but the grand old man of the Order, Grand Treasurer Muckle, had also passed during the year, as had Past Grand Sire Kuykendall and several prominent Grand Representatives.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled with the following officers in attendance:

J. B. A. Robertson.....*Acting Grand Sire*
John B. Goodwin.....*Grand Secretary, Past Grand Sire*
William H. Cox.....*Grand Treasurer*
J. Edward Kroh.....*Assistant Grand Secretary*
J. A. Lucas.....*Grand Chaplain*
D. E. Bird.....*Grand Messenger*

There were also present Past Grand Sires Pinkerton, Conway, Cockrum and Keller. The death of the Grand Sire made the reorganization of the body the first business to be attended to. The acting Grand Sire appointed Grand Representative Phelps of California as Deputy Grand Sire *pro tem.* The election of Grand Sire being ordered resulted in the unanimous choice of the acting Grand Sire, Brother

J. B. A. Robertson of Oklahoma as Grand Sire. Brother Robertson presided during the session with great ability. The election of Brother Robertson to the office of Grand Sire left a vacancy in that of Deputy Grand Sire and for that office seven nominations were made. The election was had upon the first ballot, however, Frank C. Goudy of Colorado receiving 128 votes, Judge Eastin of Missouri following with 33, and Judge Borst of New York with 28. The officers elected were duly installed and the annual reports were submitted.

Condition of the Order.

Upon this subject the acting Grand Sire in his report said:

Notwithstanding the general depression in the business world, and the untoward conditions that confront our brethren overseas, the Order, taken as a whole, is in a fairly prosperous condition.

In North America, with very few minor exceptions, peace and harmony prevail and late reports show a substantial gain in membership, while our finances are in good condition.

The so-called "club" or "class" membership fallacy has had its day and while the reaction, which such unnatural efforts to secure members always brings, has been marked in some Jurisdictions and the evil effects of which will be felt for years to come, yet the lessons taught thereby will be of value to us in future years. One of these lessons, patent to all observers, is that Odd Fellows cannot be made simply by taking men's money and conferring the degrees upon them. Quality in Odd Fellowship, as in most other things, is more valuable than mere numbers. Let it be generally understood, anew, that Odd Fellowship seeks to improve and elevate the character of men and that too much care cannot be taken to improve and preserve the high standard of our membership, and this happy condition can best be brought about and maintained by a zealous watchfulness in our Subordinate bodies.

To prevent useless repetition I refer you to the report of the Grand Secretary for the details concerning membership, revenue, expenditures, Homes, relief, etc. The following general items, however, are of common interest and may, with propriety, be inserted here:

MEMBERSHIP.

"December 31, 1914, there were 18,179 Subordinate Lodges, 3,604 Subordinate Encampments, 9,740 Rebekah Lodges, 759 Cantons, 68 Grand Lodges, 57 Grand Encampments. December 31, 1914, there were 1,686,176 Subordinate members, 234,438 Encampment members, 744,176 Rebekah members, and 26,882 Canton members, or a total membership (without duplication) of 2,194,773.

An examination of reports shows that for the year ending December 31, 1914, there was an increase in membership in the various Subordinate bodies as follows: Subordinate, 12,307; Encampment, 628; Rebekah, 11,165; Canton, 175.

REVENUE AND FUNDS.

For the year ending December 31, 1914, the total revenues amounted to $18,848,205.01 as compared with $18,950,609.48 for the previous year, a decrease of $102,404.47. During the year 142,011 brothers and 8,250 widowed families were relieved at a cost of $4,022,577.07. The total invested funds of the Order December 31, 1914, were $68,284,512.59.

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

Fiscal year beginning August 1, 1914, cash on hand	$75,418.03
Amount received during the year	99,518.70
Warrants drawn during the year August 1, 1914, to July 31, 1915	105,811.38
Balance on hand July 31, 1915	69,125.35

ODD FELLOWS HOMES.

The condition of our Homes throughout the world is as follows:

Cost of property	$3,490,215.09
Present value	5,291,776.35
Cost of maintenance	845,652.13
Number of Homes	54
Number of residents	3,678
Residents admitted from date of opening	7,803

Decisions.

The decisions made by the Grand Sire and by the acting Grand Sire as amended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge follow:

DECISIONS BY GRAND SIRE.

Decision 1. *Question* 1.—Referring to Report 124, pages 153 and 154 of the Daily Journal, session at Atlantic City, on the subject of transfer certificates, how is the fee of 25 cents to be paid? Is it to be paid by the Lodge, Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge, or by the applicant for transfer?

Answer.—By the applicant for the transfer.

Question 2.—Also, when does the law requiring payment of 25 cents for the transfer go into effect? Does it go into effect immediately, or on the first of January, 1915?

Answer.—On first of January, 1915.

Dec. 2. *Question* 1.—Do Sections 2 and 12 of Article XXII of the by-laws of The Sovereign Grand Lodge (Journal, 1910, Report 111, page 795; adopted page 827, and 1911, Report 96, page 376, adopted page 404) authorize a brother lawfully in possession of an honorable veteran jewel to wear the same in lieu of regalia?

Answer.—Yes, unless occupying official station.

Question 2.—If so, may such jewel be so worn in an Encampment or Grand Encampment?

Answer.—Yes, in both, unless occupying official station.

Question 3.—Under the amendment to Section 25 of the Rebekah Code relating to the wearing of Past President's jewel in lieu of regalia, adopted in 1911 (Journal, page 430, Report 153, adopted page 434), may a Past President who, before January 1, 1909, was in possession of a Past President's jewel of the design adopted in 1905 (Report 136, page 348, adopted page 360) which jewel was purchased from The Sovereign Grand Lodge, wear said jewel in lieu of regalia in a Rebekah Lodge or in a Rebekah Assembly?

Answer.—Yes, in both, unless occupying official station.

Dec. 3. *Statement.*—At the next session of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, I. O. O. F., a revised constitution duly and regularly submitted at the last session and laid on the table under the law for one year will be considered for adoption. Article VI, Section 1, of our present constitution provides as follows: "No alteration or amendment shall be made to this constitution, except at the annual session, and unless the same has been proposed in writing by not less than 5 representatives at a previous regular session, in which case it may be passed by the votes of three-fourths of the representatives present, and shall take effect and be of force as soon as approved by The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F."

Question.—Will it be legal to adopt this revised constitution, section by section, and reject any particular section and adopt the balance, or is it absolutely necessary to either adopt or reject the entire revised constitution as a whole.

Answer.—That in the matter of revising the Constitution of a State Grand Body the procedure is controlled by such State Constitution, and when a revised Constitution, such as mentioned, is submitted for adoption, same must be adopted or rejected as an entirety.

Dec. 4. *Statement.*—The by-laws of a Subordinate Lodge provide that pecuniary benefits shall not be paid to members admitted to membership on withdrawal card until three months after date of their admission.

Question.—Is it legal to include members admitted by transfer card in the same provision?

Answer.—Yes, if transfer card is specified in the by-laws.

Dec. 5. *Statement.*—A withdrawal card issued from a Subordinate Lodge, of the Jurisdiction of Illinois, in October, 1914, to a member 62 years of age. The brother to whom the withdrawal card was granted, applies for membership to a Subordinate Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Arkansas, in which Jurisdiction he is now a resident. The Lodge in Arkansas refused to consider his application for the reason that said Lodge has a by-law of age limitation, limiting all applications for membership to not over 60 years.

Question 1.—Is such a by-law, even if approved by the Grand Lodge of any Jurisdiction, constitutional?

Answer.—No.

Question 2.—Does not The Sovereign Grand Lodge constitution prohibit an old age limit, if otherwise qualified?

Answer.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge alone has power to fix the qualifications of membership in the Order, and old age limitation is not one of the qualifications. See Journal, 1912, page 515.

Dec. 6. *Statement.*—A brother, a member in good standing, of one of the Lodges of Honolulu, was taken sick in December, 1913, and was placed on the sick list and received benefits for a number of weeks, the brother then requested to be taken from the sick list, which was done. After an interval of about six weeks, the brother filed with the Lodge a doctor's certificate, which stated it was necessary for the brother's health that he go to the mainland and refrain from following his occupation for at least six months. On the filing of this certificate, the brother was declared sick and paid benefits until he sailed for San

Francisco. The brother went to Denver and there consulted physicians who advised him to remain at least three months in a high altitude. While he was away the brother from time to time notified the Lodge of his condition. On his return to Honolulu the brother filed an additional certificate from the Denver physician and claimed sick benefits, inasmuch as he was sick and received sick benefits when he left Honolulu, temporarily, on his physician's advice. The Lodge refused to pay sick benefits to the brother, basing their action on Article III, Section 3 of their by-laws, which reads:

"Sec. 3. Any brother, residing at a distance from this city, claiming benefits under this article, must send to this Lodge a true statement of his sickness and its cause, verified by his oath, attested by the Noble Grand of the Lodge nearest to the place where he may be, under the seal of said Lodge; or if no Lodge be near, then his sickness and its cause, shall be stated in a certificate from a respectable physician, magistrate, notary public or master of a vessel."

The brother claims this section does not apply to his case inasmuch as his absence was temporary and that the Lodge knew he was sick and that he only left on his physician's advice.

Question.—Is the brother entitled to sick benefits from the time he left Honolulu until he was well enough to return to his occupation in Honolulu?

Answer.—Yes.

Dec. 7. During his lifetime Brother Otto Hartung, Past Grand, of Reno Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., placed in his will the following provision:

"To the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Nevada, the income from my estate, to be paid over to them by my executors and trustees annually, if, within five years from the date of my death, the said Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Nevada, does establish a Home worthy of its name, for orphans and foundlings near Reno, Nevada, and to be known by the name of the Royal D. Hartung Home for Orphans and Foundlings."

On June 21, 1911, at Carson City, Nevada, the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Nevada adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* That the Hartung estate willed to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Nevada be utilized for the purpose for which it was given, and that the trustees of this Grand Lodge be instructed to co-operate with the trustees of the Rebekah Assembly in building an Orphans' Home, with the money in the Orphans' Home Building Fund, in such way as to use the income from said estate for its support."

The following resolution was submitted to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Nevada, at its session on June 17, 1914, and was indefinitely postponed by a vote of 74 to 23:

"Whereas, The Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Nevada, at its session held at Carson City on the 20th and 21st days of June, 1911, adopted the following resolution, to wit:

"*Resolved,* That the Hartung estate willed to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Nevada be utilized for the purpose for which it was given, and that the trustees of this Grand Lodge be instructed to co-operate with the trustees of the Rebekah Assembly in building an Orphans' Home, with the money in Orphans' Home Building Fund, in such way as to use the income from said estate for its support.
and

"WHEREAS, The trustees of this Grand Lodge and the trustees of the Rebekah Assembly have not carried said resolution into effect; and

"WHEREAS, On the 21st day of January, 1915, the time for erecting said Orphans' Home, in order to obtain said estate, now of the value of at least thirty-seven thousand dollars ($37,000), will expire; therefore, be it

"*Resolved,* That the Grand Master and a committee of three be instructed to carry said resolution into effect, and in doing so is hereby given full power to act, and is further empowered to use the money and property in the Orphans' Home Fund of the Rebekah Assembly of Nevada for the purpose of erecting said Orphans' Home."

After reading of preamble and resolution as amended, John Lothrop, P.G.R., of No. 5, moved indefinite postponement of same.

Past Grand Master P. H. Mulcahy, of No. 14, moved as an amendment, that said preamble and resolution be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

The Grand Master ruled amendment out of order; whereupon Past Grand Master Mulcahy appealed from decision of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master asked, "Shall the decision of the Grand Master stand as the decision of the Grand Lodge? On vote being had the chair was sustained.

After considerable time spent in discussion, Representative H. Brewster Adams, of No. 14, asked for information in regard to clause in will bequeathing the amount of money stated in preamble and resolution.

The Grand Master instructed Grand Secretary to read that section of said will, which appears on page 63, Journal of 1911, and reads as follows:

"Tenth. I give, devise and bequeath all the residue of my estate, both real and personal, as follows:

"(a) To the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Nevada the income from my estate, to be paid over to them by my executors and trustees annually, if within five years from the date of my death, the said Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Nevada does establish a Home worthy of its name, for orphans and foundlings near Reno, Nevada, and to be known by the name of the Royal D. Hartung Home for Orphans and Foundlings."

After reading the same the question was called for. On vote being had, the Grand Master decided that the motion to indefinitely postpone was carried.

Question.—Did the postponement of the foregoing resolution set out in C in any manner amend, change or repeal the law of 1911 as expressed in B? Is not the resolution set forth in B still a law, and ought it not to be obeyed?

DECISION.—When the Grand Lodge takes affirmative action on a question to do a certain thing, that action stands as the action of the Grand Lodge until it is reconsidered. It not appearing from the statement of facts submitted that the action of the Grand Lodge at its Carson City session of 1911 has ever been repealed, or any effort made to reconsider the same, that action still stands, and the postponement of resolution set out in C does not repeal the action of the Grand Lodge session of 1911.

Dec. 8. *Question.*—Has the Secretary or other officer of a Lodge the right to fill out a certificate which is to be forwarded by the member of the Lodge to an insurance company, showing the period during which member is under the care of the Lodge, provided he is requested to do so by the member who has been so disabled?

Answer.—No.

Dec. 9. *Question.*—Will you kindly give us your opinion in regard to Decision 39, page 515 of the 1912 Journal of Proceedings of The Sovereign Grand Lodge? Does this decision mean that no Lodge can provide for the admission of anyone over 50 years of age as a non-beneficial member, whether same be by initiation or by card or by transfer?

Answer.—In my opinion the decision refers only to admission by initiation, and does not prohibit a Lodge in a proper case, from receiving as a non-beneficial member a brother over 50 years old by card or transfer, provided your local law grants the privilege.

Dec. 10. *Statement.*—At the November session, 1913, of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, a proposition was presented which provided that "In cities and towns where *two* or more Lodges exist, such Lodges shall organize a General Relief Committee," and provisions governing such committee were a part of the resolution. This was referred to the Legislative Committee. At the same session, and on the next and second day of said session the Legislative Committee reported favorably to its adoption, the matter having laid over, under the rules, to the second day for action. After discussion, and on motion, the whole matter was referred to a Special Committee of Three appointed by the Grand Master, with instructions to report at the May, 1914, session. On the first day of the May, 1914, session, the Special Committee reported and submitted a proposition which provided that all cities and towns in the Jurisdiction of Indiana where two or more Lodges exist, such Lodges shall organize a General Relief Committee, etc. This proposition was laid over, under the rules, until next day. The next day the report was taken up for consideration and on motion was laid over until 1 o'clock of the same day. At the stated time the matter was taken up and on motion was postponed for further consideration until the afternoon of the first day of the next communication, November, 1914. At the time set in the November session the matter was again taken up and the Special Committee made the following report:

"Your Special Committee, to whom were referred at the November session, 1913, the subject of reporting on the advisability of a law creating and governing General Relief Committees in the State of Indiana, recommend that the law be amended to provide for a General Relief Committee in every city and town in the State of Indiana in which there are *three* or more Lodges located, etc."

In considering this report the question was raised and some contended that action could not be taken by the Grand Lodge until the matter had again been referred and reported on by the Legislative Committee (the regular committee). The chair ruled that the Special Committee to whom the matter had been referred was a Special Legislative Committee, and any action taken by the Lodge on the report of the Special Committee would be binding. The report was submitted to the Grand Lodge and on motion adopted.

Question 1.—Was the ruling of the chair, that "the Special Committee to whom the matter was referred on the recommendation of the

Legislative Committee was a Special Legislative Committee vested with all the powers of the regular Legislative Committe," correct?

Answer.—No, it was not a Special Legislative Committee, but it was vested with powers to submit amendments to the report presented by the Legislative Committee.

Question 2.—It will be noted that the matter reported by the Legislative Committee, and on its recommendation referred to the Special Committee; *provided,* "that all cities and towns where *two* or more Lodges exist, such Lodges shall organize a General Relief Committee, etc.," and when the Special Committee made its report, which was finally adopted, the proposition was changed by it and said final report reading, "that in all cities and towns where *three* or more Lodges exist, etc.," thus changing the number of Lodges necessary to require the organization of a General Relief Committee in any city or town from *two* to *three.* Had the Special Committee the right to make said change, no definite action having been taken on the proposition prior to the time of its final adoption and fixing the number of Lodges at three?

Answer.—The Special Committee had the right to offer an amendment providing that the organization of General Relief Committees would apply to cities and towns having three or more Lodges therein.

Question 3.—Was the law legally amended, and is it now binding on the Lodges of Indiana?

Answer.—Yes.

Dec. 11. Section 120 of our Subordinate Lodge Constitution reads as follows:

"The Lodge shall not hold any anniversary or other celebration ball or party, or attend any public procession, lecture or other public display of the Order, where the regalia of the Order may be worn, or the name of the Order assumed, without a dispensation from the Grand Master in writing."

Question.—Just what is meant by public procession? Has a Grand Master the right to grant a dispensation to a Lodge or Lodges to wear the regalia in a parade of a local fair, the day to be known as Odd Fellows' Day?

Answer.—A Grand Master has the right to grant a dispensation to a Lodge to wear the regalia of the Order in a parade of the Lodge to a local fair, on a day to be known as Odd Fellows' Day, unless prohibited by local law.

Dec. 12.—Your letter asking for a ruling as to whether the resolution introduced at the 1912 session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge to be found on page 774 of the Journal, providing that Grand Lodges of various Grand Jurisdictions have the power to permit Subordinates to set aside any per cent not to exceed 10 per cent of their income from all sources, as a contingent fund, applies to Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge received. In reply I will say that the resolution applies to Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Dec. 13. *Question.*—Have I the authority, as District Deputy Grand Sire, to grant a dispensation to a Subordinate Lodge, a Rebekah Lodge or encampment, to hold a public installation of officers, or does that authority have to come directly from you as Grand Sire?

Answer.—You must get authority from the Grand Sire to grant a dispensation to a Subordinate to hold a public installation of officers. See Busbee's Digest, Section 1201.

Dec. 14. *Statement.*—A member of Eureka Lodge, No. 177, of New York City, is now and has been for a period of about five years a resident of an Odd Fellows' Home of this Jurisdiction, he being unable to support himself and family, and during that period of time has not contributed any dues to his Lodge. For some time prior to his admission into this Home, he had been separated from his wife and family. He is still a resident of said Home and his clothing, etc., are and have been furnished to him by his Lodge. Some weeks ago his wife died, and he demanded that the Lodge pay the death benefit due, as provided by the By-Laws of said Lodge, upon the death of a member in good standing. I refer to Section 32 of the By-Laws of said Lodge, which will be found on page 29 thereof. The funds of this Lodge are obtained from weekly dues paid by its members, and the members pay at the rate of 18 cents per week, and that subject will be found on page 27, Section 23 of the By-Laws of the Lodge. The By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of our State require that a member shall contribute as dues the sum of not less than five cents per week. See Section 3, Article IV, page 54, laws and code of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and also please read Section 10 of Article IV of constitution of Subordinate Lodges, which will be found on pages 58 and 59 of said Constitution. The question is as follows: Is a non-contributing member of a Lodge, who is a resident of an Odd Fellows' Home entitled to a death benefit on the death of his wife?

Answer.—Yes, unless the local law provided otherwise. Busbee's Digest, 1099.

Dec. 15. *Question.*—A brother living in a city where there are three Lodges all meeting in the same hall, he being a member of one of the Lodges, said Lodge meets on Friday night, said brother is also a member of a church choir, which meets for practice on Friday night, the brother does not change his residence, but wishes to transfer to another Lodge which meets on Thursday night, so as to attend his Lodge, is there any law prohibiting this transfer?

Answer.—The Transfer Law does not apply to the case stated; change of membership in such cases should be made by applying on withdrawal card, official certificate or visiting card as the applicant may elect.

Dec. 16. *Question.*—Would it be legal for the Grand Lodge to adopt and enforce a resolution for a funeral benefit fund, independent of the funeral benefit authorized and required by its Subordinate Lodge Constitution; such funeral benefit fund to be managed and operated by the elective officers of a Grand Lodge; the scheme of said funeral fund providing a death benefit to members belonging to it, and such benefit to be raised or derived from assessment to be levied upon its members, upon the death of a member; its members being Odd Fellows in good standing in Subordinate Lodges under the said Grand Lodge, who voluntarily join it?

Answer.—No. Such legislation would be in violation of the laws of the Order.

Dec. 17. *Question.*—Is a Past Grand of a Subordinate Lodge eligible to be elected Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge, having held no elective office in a Rebekah Lodge?

Answer.—No. Unless it is a new Lodge, and the first Noble Grand. See Rebekah Code, Section 12, Busbee's Digest, page 695.

Dec. 18. *Statement.*—The Rebekah Past Noble Grands of Connecticut have, in different cities and sections of Connecticut, associations composed of Rebekah Past Noble Grands, which they term "Past Noble Grands' Associations"; as, "The Elm City Past Noble Grands' Association," "The Katherine Past Noble Grands' Association," etc. These associations are inter-related with each other by a common pass word, which is changed each term and which is prescribed respectively in turn by each association. Said word covers all such associations in the State. Said associations also have a secret sign and a degree or initiation of new members and an installation ceremony for the induction of their officers into office. They adopt official pins or emblems to wear which designate their membership in such associations. They restrict their membership to Past Noble Grands of the Rebekah branch of the I. O. O. F., and they only take in such Past Noble Grands of the Rebekah branch as they desire to associate with, debarring the others by use of the ballot box and the blackball, so that while Past Noble Grands only are eligible, still even those who are eligible have to successfully encounter a vote of the members before they can join. And such associations have other secret work.

Qestion 1.—Have such associations any legal right to use the name "Past Noble Grands' Association" or the letters, "I. O. O. F." either?

Answer.—As above constituted, no. Past Noble Grands can organize an association for social purposes, membership in which must be open to all Past Noble Grands.

Question 2.—To use a secret pass word?

Answer.—No.

Question 3.—To have an initiation ceremony or degree?

Answer.—No. These can only be provided by The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Question 4.—To have an official installation ceremony?

Answer.—No.

Question 5.—To restrict their membership to Rebekah Past Noble Grands?

Answer.—As constituted, the organization is illegal and cannot be recognized by the Order. The restricting membership to members of the Order makes it illegal, as it is an effort to organize a side degree, which cannot be done, except by The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Question 6.—To employ or use a ballot box or a vote upon the applications of Past Noble Grands who desire to join and to blackball or refuse admission to such as they do not desire, although qualified by rank?

Answer.—As the organization is illegal, this law or rule is illegal.

Question 7.—To use an official pin or emblem which the members wear to designate their membership in such association and which contains letters or initials "P. N. G.," etc.?

Answer.—The only pin or emblem recognized by the Order are those prepared and sold, or authorized to be sold by The Sovereign Grand Lodge?

Question 8.—To employ or use any secret practices whatever of whatever kind?

Answer.—The associations as constituted are illegal, and their acts and practices are illegal.

Dec. 19. *Question.*—Is it permissible to organize a new Rebekah Lodge without any card members?

Answer.—Yes, unless prohibited by local law. Busbee's Digest, 702, Journal, 1914, page 589.

Dec. 20.—One who was elected and installed as Vice Grand of a Rebekah Lodge, and served only one night during the term, is not eligible to the office of Noble Grand. If she has been elected and installed in the office of Noble Grand, such election was illegal. The office should be declared vacant and a new election held, and one eligible for the position should be elected.

Dec. 21. *Statement.*—After a member of the Order has become 60 years of age and has been a contributing member for 25 consecutive years, he or she shall not be suspended by virtue of being more than one year in arrears for non-payment of dues, but shall be retained as a non-contributing member. Please advise me if 25 consecutive years' membership might be in two or more Lodges, deducting necessary time for a withdrawal card or transfer certificate?

Answer.—Contributing member for 25 consecutive years includes the time an unexpired withdrawal card, or transfer certificate in life may be held. Such membership may be in two or more Lodges, under the above limitations. See Decision 7, page 18, Journal, 1903; also Busbee's Digest, Section 2685.

Dec. 22. *Statement.*—The rituals of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges provide that when balloting upon applications for membership or degrees it is not permissible to exhibit the ballot to any member, except to the Noble Grand and Vice Grand.

Question.—Does said provision make it obligatory to exhibit the ballot to both Noble Grand and Vice Grand, regardless of any legislation to the contrary by local Grand Bodies?

Answer.—The ballot must be exhibited to both the Noble Grand and the Vice Grand, and no local law that contravenes this is legal.

Dec. 23. *Question.*—Has a Grand Master the authority to grant a dispensation to a Subordinate Lodge to wear the regalia of the Order, that is, the collars and sashes, in a public parade at a county fair, or rather a day called "Odd Fellows' Day" as designated by the program committee of a fair association? The Subordinate Lodge constitution providing:

"No Lodge shall hold any anniversary or other celebration, ball or party, or attend any public procession, lecture or other public dsplay where the regalia of the Order is worn or the name of the Order assumed, without a dispensation from the Grand Master in writing; such permission to be predicated only upon the direct promise through the officers of the Lodge seeking the permission, that no intoxicating liquors of any kind shall be offered by them to the members or guests present on the occasion."

Answer.—Yes. The Grand Master has the authority to grant such dispensation.

Dec. 24. *Statement.*—The Subordinate Lodge Constitution of the Jurisdiction of Oklahoma was approved by The Sovereign Grand Lodge on September 21, 1911. Article VII, Section 6 of said Constitution reads:

"The District Deputy Grand Master shall not be eligible to nor hold any office in the Lodge so long as he shall continue as D. D. G. M."

Question 1.—Is this section in conflict with Section 1310, page 364 of Busbee's Digest?

Answer.—Yes.

Question 2.—If so, which shall be followed since the Constittion has been approved by The Sovereign Grand Lodge?

Answer.—The law embodied in the Digest.

DECISIONS BY THE ACTING GRAND SIRE.

Decision 1.—Subordinate Lodges, under the immediate Jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, are not entitled to representation in The Sovereign Grand Lodge. (Constitution, Article II.) (Hawaii.)

Dec. 2.—It is within the powers of the Grand Lodge "to provide for a certain minimum joining fee in cities of over 100,000, another and different minimum joining fee for cities of over 50,000, and still another and different minimum joining fee for all other Lodges within its Jurisdiction," the subject being clearly within the powers delegated to Grand Lodges and in nowise prohibited by the Constitution and laws of The Sovereign Grand Lodge. The wisdom of such a policy being a question for the Grand Lodge is not here considered. (Ontario.)

Dec. 3.—The funeral ceremony adopted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge at the 1912 session, Journal, 1912, pages 758, 773, 804, 807 is exclusive in its requirements. No provision is made therein for depositing a regalia (denoting rank of deceased) in the coffin and burying same with the remains and a resolution by a Grand Lodge requiring this to be done is void and of no effect. (South Carolina.)

Dec. 4.—A section of a Rebekah Assembly Constittion reading:

"A Past Noble Grand to be eligible for election as representative, or recommended as Deputy President, shall have been present at a majority of the regular Lodge meetings of the preceding term, unless excused for sickness or some unavoidable occurrence; *and provided,* that a District Deputy President must hold a certificate of perfection in the secret work.

Answer.—The Section of the Rebekah Assembly Constitution quoted in Decision 4 of the Acting Grand Sire does not contravene any general law of the Order.

Dec. 5.—Section 20, Article XVI, Grand Lodge Constitution of Oklahoma provides that "Rebekah Assembly and officers thereof shall have and possess all of the rights, powers and privileges that it is possible to confer upon them by the Grand Lodge under the laws of The Sovereign Grand Lodge." *Held,* That the Rebekah Assembly, and its officers, have the power to issue defunct certificate to members of defunct Rebekah Lodges. (Oklahoma.)

Dec. 6.—A lady, who had joined a Rebekah Lodge, and after a few years took a withdrawal card, and thereafter marries a non-Odd Fellow, is, nevertheless eligible to membership, by petition on her expired withdrawal card. (Vermont.)

Dec. 7.—It is not legal for a Subordinate Lodge to hire a physician to attend "sick members and their families," and pay him by the year out of the funds of the Lodge; however, a Lodge may employ a physician to attend sick "members" in good standing, and pay said physician a certain sum per member per year, provided, same is authorized by local law. (See 1889 Journal, pages 11483, 11728, 11786; 1896 Journal, pages 15003, 15071, 15087; 1903 Journal, Report 14, pages 284, 314.) We further recommend that the remainder of said Decision be approved.

Dec. 8. *Statement.*—A new Lodge is started at the city of A, and in securing applications for initiates of the new Lodge, some of the applicants were nearer to another Lodge than the new Lodge when it was instituted; that is, they did not reside in the Jurisdiction of the new Lodge as established after institution. Can the Lodge of whose Jurisdiction they were after so established claim the fees from the new Lodge for such applicants who petitioned for membership in the new Lodge when instituted?

Answer.—Yes. (Michigan.)

Dec. 9.—There is no law authorizing a joint public installation of the officers of a Grand Lodge and the officers of a Rebekah Assembly; therefore, the same is not permissible. (Kansas.)

Dec. 10.—A person who is an owner or a person who is employed as a clerk or cashier in a pool room which is open to the public and which operates pool tables, tenpins and boxball alleys for a profit is not necessarily a professional gambler nor is he thereby rendered ineligible to membership in the Order. It is useless to here attempt to define the term "professional gambler." Suffice it to say that pool tables, tenpins and boxball alleys may be owned and operated for profit without the element of chance or gambling, and to hold otherwise would be to place an unnatural, narrow, illogical and unwarranted construction upon such occupation and games. It depends altogether on the manner in which the profit accruing from the games or occupation is derived, and how the games are conducted. It is a matter of common knowledge that such games, more frequently than otherwise, are clean, wholesome sport, and the profit derived from the use of such instrumentalities as may be used in playing such games may be perfectly legitimate and not subject to any of the elements of "gambling." (Tennessee.)

No 11.—Unless especially authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Grand Encampment a Grand Patriarch has no authority to grant a dispensation authorizing semi-annual terms for Subordinate encampments in lieu of annual terms provided by the Grand Encampment Constitution. (Oklahoma.)

No. 12—Where the Grand Lodge constitution provides for the election of representatives to the Grand Lodge on the second meeting night in June, apportionment based as follows: One hundred or less, one representative, above that amount, two representatives, and the Grand Lodge meets in October of each year, the January semi-annual report is the one upon which the apportionment of representatives to the Grand Lodge shall be based and not the July semi-annual report. (New Mexico.)

No. 13—Section 56 of the General Code of Laws for the Grand Lodge of Texas reads as follows:

> "Every bona-fide member who shall be qualified as required by the By-Laws shall, in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to receive as weekly benefits not more than half the amount of yearly dues; provided further that a Lodge having a productive interest bearing fund, consisting of moneys at interest, notes, bonds or real estate, or any combination of same, which shall produce an annual revenue actually earned and turned annually into the treasury of the Lodge, in the sum of not less than $5.00 per capita, shall not be confined to the rates of dues and benefits fixed in the foregoing provision while such moneys, notes, bonds and investments shall continue to produce an annual revenue of $5.00 per member, but no Lodge shall fix its dues at less than $5.00 per year."

A Lodge which had been charging $10.00 per year dues received and rejected a resolution which sought to reduce its dues from $10.00 to $6.00 per year; said rejection being based upon a report of the By-Laws committee to the effect that the proposed amendment was in conflict with Section 56 supra; the Lodge had 420 members and an income from investments of $9,756.00 per annum or $23.22 per member; the Lodge has a fixed indebtedness of $3,912.00 leaving a balance of $3,844.00 and for the past six years has received from dues, initiations, degree fees, re-instatements, etc., an average income of $3,-847.00, while the annual disbursements out of the fund during that time has been $3,323.00, leaving a net annual surplus of $504.00, HELD, that said proposed amendment to reduce the By-Laws was not in conflict with said Section 56 of the General Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas. (Texas.)

No. 14—A brother was afflicted with rheumatism and was treated with the "new serum" treatment and the physician using the same, gave the treatment too strong and the brother had a nervous breakdown and was unable to work through the month of April and three weeks in the month of May, but the last week of May and the first day of June he worked at his usual vocation, but the nervous trouble returned and he was compelled to stop work again; he was paid benefits until the 13th day of July, when he was declared not entitled to benefits and was stricken from the sick list by virtue of Section 4, of Article 13, of the Subordinate Lodge constitution which reads as follows: "Any member having been on the sick list and ordered off by the Noble Grand because of having become well, shall not again be placed on the sick list within three months after such convalescence, unless it be for sickness or disability of a different nature than that for which he drew sick benefits." HELD, Under the facts stated the second illness was not a sickness or disability of a different nature than that for which the brother had previously been paid benefits and if he had been "Ordered off" the sick list by the authority and in the manner provided by the Constitution, Section 4, of Article 13, quoted, would prevent his being again placed on the sick list for said second disability within three months thereafter, but if his name had not been "ordered off" the sick list in the manner provided by law, until after his illness in June, he would be entitled to sick benefits continuously as for one sickness.

No. 15—A. B. and C. are members af a Michigan Lodge and move to California. A. conducts himself in a maner unbecoming an Odd Fel-

low and B. and C. desire to prefer charges against him. The law of Michigan provides that a brother must be tried in his own Lodge; that the trial committee shall be appointed at the next regular meeting after the charges have been received and held to be in proper form; that the accused shall be notified by registered mail of said charges and to be present at the next regular meeting to exercise his right to challenge the committee or any member thereof; that the law gives the accused brother the right to be present when such committee is appointed. In view of the self-evident fact that it is a physical impossibility for a registered letter to be delivered from a Michigan Lodge to a brother in California, in time for said member to exercise his rights and also of the almost prohibitive provisions by which a brother could defend himself in his home Lodge, how can a brother, under such conditions be legally tried?

Answer.—The law does not require impossibilities. If the letter cannot be delivered in one week, a reasonable time should be allowed and that not only for the delivery of the letter, but also for the accused to be present in person or to arrange for an attorney or representative to challenge the committee or to do any other act that he might do if present in person. The evidence can be taken by deposition. The record should affirmatively show that the letter of the law has been complied with so far as it is possible to comply with the same and where it is impossible to comply strictly therewith, reason and common sense should be employed to carry out its manifest intention and design. If the brother fails to appear after having had due notice that is his business. The Lodge should not be a party to any plan or effort that has for its ultimate result the shielding of an unworthy member no more than it should be a party to any improper effort to unlawfully or unfairly convict without a fair hearing. (Michigan.)

No. 16—A member of the Order, as editor of a monthly journal alleged to be devoted to the interests of the Order, and which carries upon its title page the name and a portion of the Emblems of the Order, devoted a large portion of each issue of his paper throughout a period of years to repeated attacks upon a religious organization, in which its motives and practices were condemned. The paper has a large circulation among the members of the Order and the editor openly espoused the articles against the religious body. Question: Has the Grand Sire, the facts stated above being conceded, power to direct the body having jurisdiction, to expel the editor of the paper and to discipline such body for its failure to obey his direction?

Answer.—Yes.

No. 17—Statement. The constitution of Subordinate Lodges provides that at the time for electing Representatives to the Grand Lodge, each Lodge shall also elect a District Deputy Grand Master, whose name shall be presented to the new Grand Master for confirmation. The Grand Lodge constitution provides that the Grand Master shall appoint a District Deputy Grand Master in each District (in this state each Lodge is a district); that all District Deputies shall represent him and act under his instructions, and he may, for cause, remove any deputy and appoint a successor. The Grand Lodge constitution further provides that each District Deputy Grand Master shall be representative of the Grand Master within his District; that among other duties he is to require Lodges to have their reports for the past term made out in duplicate, by the first meeting in the new term; and "the moneys due the Grand Lodge to be placed in his hands, or be

actually in transit to the Grand Secretary." The following questions are submitted, based upon a case where the Subordinate Lodge has elected the District Deputy Grand Master and presented his name to the new Grand Master for confirmation, and pursuant thereto the Grand Master has duly appointed said member of the Lodge to act as such Deputy.

Question 1.—When the tax due the Grand Lodge is placed in the hands of the District Deputy Grand Master, on the night of installation, is the claim of the Grand Lodge satisfied and fully paid at that moment, or does it only become satisfied when the tax actually reaches the Grand Secretary?

Answer.—The claim of the Grand Lodge, so far as the Subordinate Lodge is concerned is fully satisfied when the money is paid to the District Deputy Grand Master.

Question 2.—If the District Deputy Grand Master, after receiving the per capita tax from his Lodge, fails, through dishonesty or any other cause, to forward same to the Grand Secretary, shall the Grand Lodge look to the Subordinate Lodge for payment, or must it credit that Lodge in full for payments made to its Deputy, and then seek collection from said Deputy?

Answer.—The Grand Lodge, after the tax has been properly paid to the District Deputy Grand Master, is bound to give proper credit to the Subordinate Lodge.

DISPENSATIONS.

At the request of the Grand Master of Missouri permission was granted to circularize the various Subordinate Bodies in an effort to apprehend the murderer of Bro. Richard Randolph, a member in good standing in Woodlawn Park Lodge, No. 825, I. O. O. F., Chicago, the crime having been committed on March 23, 1915, in the city of St. Louis, Mo. HELD by the Sovereign Grand Lodge that there is no law authorizing the granting of such a dispensation.

New Constitution.

The new constitution was adopted upon a roll call vote, everybody being recorded in its favor with a single exception. It is interesting to note that the new constitution requires all future legislation to be in the form of a bill, and that no legislation can be adopted except the vote is taken by yeas and nays and two-thirds of the Grand Representatives vote in its favor.

New Code.

As hereinbefore set forth a new code of laws was adopted which became effective January 1, 1916. It is the product of several years consideration upon the part of the special code committee consisting of Representatives Eastin of Missouri, Rinehart of Florida and Trautmann of NewYork, and a very thorough examination of the work of that committee by the special committee during the session, and here-

inbefore referred to. The report of the committee so well states the purpose and province of the new code that it is inserted in this report.

The committee says:

"It is the hope of the committee that the work as submitted will of itself partially account for the delay in its completion. It will be observed that the work is both a code and in many respects a digest, and this plan was adopted after many efforts at codification alone. Only by writing the law as concisely as possible and appending thereto the decisions and rulings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as pre-interpretations could the work be made fully useful. A code containing no reference to our previous laws would, in view of the fact that uncertainty as to meaning and differences in interpretation are sure to arise, probably stimulate inquiry into the former state of the law and, without a guide to the contents of the Journals, a digest would be almost as necessary as if no code had been written. It was found also that no section could be written until after the existing law had been collected from its original source and fully examined, inconsistencies and contradictions noted, and as far as possible, eliminated. After this had been done and the section written, it was thought the references would be as valuable to the user as to the committee, and would at least afford access to the authorities upon which the section was based.

"In many instances only the Journal and page number are given. In these cases the citations support the text or some part of it and to attempt a digest would merely repeat all or a portion of the section.

"The catch line to the annotation with the letter reference will enable the particular paragraph of the annotations to be cited by giving both the section number and the letter.

"It should be said that no effort has been made to include a reference to every resolution or decision constituting a part of the original law. Where a decision or resolution is merely cumulative or has been superseded by a subsequent decision or enactment, it has been omitted. Where the present law is in the form of a resolution, such for example as the transfer of membership law, the resolution has been recast and divided into sections without intent, unless indicated, to change the existing law. Many decisions and rulings bordering upon the secret work have been omitted as belonging more properly to ritualistic instruction.

"The By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will, on the adoption of the code, be entirely superseded as every provision contained in them is now in the revised constitution or in the code. The Patriarchs Militant Code, in view of the recent adoption of an entire revision, has not been considered as within the scope of the work assigned to the committee. The Rebekah Degree Code will be annotated and should be carried in the revision. The committee beg to suggest that the old constitutions, the former by-laws and the rules of order (which should

be revised) be carried as an appendix to the volume. The revised constitution has been fully annotated and according to the plan of the committee should appear at the beginning of the book.

"Your committee are conscious that mistakes and errors will be found, but they are convinced that the great bulk of the law, stated with fair accuracy, is embraced in the code. The form and arrangement are such that amendments and corrections may be easily and intelligently made so that time and experience will tend to elucidate rather than further confuse our law."

Other Legislation.

A special committee was appointed to consider the commemoration of the One Hunderdth Anniversary of the Order; Rebekah veteran jewels are limited to an inscription of not more than sixty letters, and all other jewels to seventy-five letters; a special committee was appointed to inquire into the condition of the Encampment Branch; Cantons of Patriarch Militant may permit ladies' associations to be formed, known as the Ladies Auxiliary, Patriarchs Militant.

It is worthy of note that a serious effort was made to repeal the minimum benefit law, and that there is a growing feeling favorable to permitting non-beneficial membership in the Order by initiation.

An invitation from Massachusetts was received to hold the session of 1920 in Boston, and Chattanooga, Tenn., was selected as the place for the next annual session after a spirited contest with Tulsa, Oklahoma.

There were only two appeals and the reports of the Committee on Appeals were adopted in each instance. The principles involved are stated in the following syllabi:

Adkins Appeal.

SYLLABUS.

1. **Charge must state the facts.** A charge against a brother must state the facts alleged to constitute the offense with reasonable particularity. Legal conclusions will not suffice.

Helvie Appeal.

SYLLABUS.

1. **No evidence to support findings.** In an appeal from the action of a Subordinate Lodge, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, when it appears that there was no specific evidence to support the findings of the Subordinate Lodge that the accused was guilty, such action will be reversed.

2. **Evidence examined and held insufficient.** An examination of the record in this case discloses no evidence sufficient to justify a finding of guilty.

Proposed Amendments.

Proposed amendments to the new constitution were laid on the table for action at the next session, bringing up for consideration the old contest in favor of admitting at the age of eighteen, making the receipt of the Patriarchs Militant Degree a qualification for a seat in the Sovereign Grand Lodge and providing for biennial sessions.

It is anticipated that the next session will have numerous propositions for the amendment of the new code, and as a consequence perhaps a large amount of business, but with the few appeals of recent years and with the codification of the law that has been adopted, and the difficulty of changing the same under the new constitution, it seems likely that in the near future biennial sessions will be adequate, and it is possible that the financial condition of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will accellerate the movement now taking form toward bringing about biennial sessions only. This is a subject that may well receive some consideration by us here in Connecticut.

Incidents.

The Panama Pacific Exposition presented a bronze medal to the Order which is to be kept at headquarters. The Grand Decoration of Chivalry was conferred on Wednesday evening, a military ball following. Baltimore extended an invitation to hold the 1919 session, the one hundredth anniversary of the Order, in that city. Eulogies were delivered upon Grand Sire Daniel, Grand Treasurer Muckle and Past Grand Sire Kuykendall. Gen. A. R. Stocker, of Ohio, was reappointed General commanding. The new committee on printing consists of Foxwell, of Maryland, Leedy, of Indiana and Emmins, of Texas. Grand Scribe Barnes, of California, delivered a most eloquent and interesting address on the session at the close of the war, when the representatives of the South returned to seats in the Sovereign Grand Lodge. There were several meetings of the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes Association and of the Fraternal Press. The latter was very largely represented at the session. A visit was made by some of the children and others from the California Home on Thursday morning. The presentation by Louis F. Hart, of Washington, for many years Journal Clerk, of a copy of the Griffin Digest of 1847, to be placed in the library of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was one of the pleasant things of the session.

Conclusion.

Your Representatives recognize the honor of representing in the Sovereign Legislative Body of the Order the Grand Jurisdiction of Connecticut and are highly appreciative of the confidence reposed in

them, and extend to the Jurisdiction and its entire membership their heartfelt thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
PHILIP POND,

Grand Representatives.

On motion the report of the Grand Representatives was accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Secretary submitted the report of the Committee on Correspondence:

NEW HAVEN, CONN., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to submit the following report:

ALBERTA.

The tenth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Edmonton, February 17-18, 1915. The Grand Master says: "From reports received and visits made I find mostly all the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction taking a very active interest in the work of the Order. During the year a very substantial increase has been made to our membership notwithstanding the present condition of affairs throughout the Province. Many of the Lodges have reported a net loss of membership in their semi-annual reports, largely from suspensions for N.P.D., which in all probability they deemed necessary. I am of the opinion, however, that greater care and attention should be given by all Lodges to delinquent members. While it is the duty of the Financial Secretary to notify each member of the Lodge of his arrears, at the beginning of each quarter, and also the duty of the membership committee to use its best endeavors to prevent suspensions, still I think much can also be accomplished by each individual member assisting in this object, and thus save many brothers from being suspended for non-payment of dues."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 7,868; gain, 404. Assets, $356,854.73.

ARIZONA.

The thirty-second annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Phoenix, April 19-21, 1915. Grand Master says: "During the year

just closed we have suffered a loss numerically of fifty-five members. This was not the result of lack of interest or enthusiasm, but because of conditions over which we could exercise no control, being a nation wide business depression which affected us, possibly. less than it did our brothers in more settled States."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 2,139; loss, 55. Assets, $189,548.50.

Arkansas.

The sixty-sixth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Little Rock, October 26-27, 1915. Grand Master says: "The Order in the Jurisdiction as a whole, as I see it, is not in a very healthy condition. It has been going back for several years. We have been losing members from time to time. A great many Lodges at this time are dormant; some are not working as harmoniously as they should. But there are lots of Lodges where good feeling prevails, and I am confident that when we reach a satisfactory understanding about some of our irregularities, everything will come out all right and Odd Fellowship will again prosper."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 23.952; loss, 530. Assets, $322,730.00.

British Columbia.

The forty-first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at New Westminster, June 9-10, 1915. Grand Master says: "I very much regret that the increase in membership during the year has been very small, the net gain for the year ending December 31, 1914, being only 66. We could not, however, expect it to be otherwise, under the prevailing conditions; we are doing well to hold our own. I feel, however, that while these times of stress may not be conducive to increase in membership. they are having the effect of drawing our members closer together in the good works of Friendship, Love and Truth."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 7,092; gain, 66. Assets, $1,078,296.38. Rebekah Lodge membership, 2,716; gain, 327. Assets, $5,997.93.

California.

The sixty-third annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at San Francisco, May 11-14, 1915. Grand Master says: "For the first time since 1897 a loss in membership is to be reported. This fact is due to transfer in membership, from this to other Jurisdictions, suspensions for non-payment of dues, withdrawals, deaths, etc. From the present outlook this will not occur for years, for the reason that many Lodges have stricken from their roll of membership those who should long ago have been suspended, but they have been carried along on the

books for years in the hope that their past obligations would be met. All efforts proving fruitless, in justice to the live, active, paying member, after due notice had been given, their names have been erased from the books. Death is in the world and their passing away cannot be helped, while those transferring their membership is a loss to our state, they are not a loss to the Order."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 45,925; loss, 174. Assets, $4,560,769.66. Rebekah Lodge membership, 33,821; gain, 30.

Colorado.

The forty-eighth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Colorado Springs, October 19-21, 1915. Grand Master says: "I was very fortunate to become Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction of Colorado in the year 1914 and '15. because the state was just getting over the industrial conditions which had existed for several years, and the Odd Fellows, while a fraternal organization, are affected like everything else by the general conditions of the country in which they are living, and while I cannot report a very large increase in membership, the condition of the Order, in my judgment, is much better than it has been for several years. There seems to be a general revival, a feeling that it is necessary for each individual member to do everything he can for his brother and sister, and with this feeling prevailing all over the state, there is no question in my mind but what the next year will show a very marked increase in membership.

"During the last year a great many members have been dropped for non-payment of dues, caused largely from the fact that in years gone by a great deal of so-called 'dead timber' had been carried on the Roll and this year, on account of the increase of per capita tax for our Home, most of the Lodges have taken the position that it is not well to carry those who are a long way in arrears."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 14,167; gain, 12. Assets, $784,323.45.

Delaware.

The eighty-second annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Wilmington, November 17, 1915. Grand Secretary reports: "In conclusion let me call your attention to the very healthy condition of our Order in this Jurisdiction. We have made a gain of 156 members in our Subordinate Lodges, as well as a very substantial gain in finances. The Rebekah Branch of our Order is also prospering; they made a net gain during the year of 29 members, and their financial condition is very encouraging.

"The work of the year is ended, which has been fairly successful. The evidence submitted proves that we are marching onward. As a

chapter of good tidings, we may glean much from it that is encouraging. We may read in it bright promises for the future, a future to be assured in accordance with our striving. The success of our Order depends upon the action of its members; the demands of humanity are more fully met in the practice of Friendship and Love, than in the enforcement of harsh decrees. We meet to legislate in this direction for the common good of our kind. If success crowns our efforts in any degree the work which we do has not been in vain. We can look back with pride upon the year which ends to-day.

"Increase of numbers adds to our numerical strength, and financial gains increase our wealth. Direct your zeal to the future of Odd Fellowship, and ever remember that victory crowns the efforts of those who wish to work and win."

Subordinate Lodge membership, 3,969; gain, 156. Assets, $207,-690.00. Rebekah Lodge membership, 399; gain, 29. Assets, $10,-398.08.

District of Columria.

The annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Washington, January 20, 1915. Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 1,836; gain, 21. Assets, $101,751.30.

Florida.

The sixtieth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Gainesville, April 20-21, 1915. Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 4,345; gain, 116. Assets, $114,321.46.

Idaho.

The thirty-third annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Idaho Falls, October 19-21, 1915. Grand Master says: "It is gratifying to be able to report to you that most of the Lodges show a fair degree of activity. Had it been otherwise these strenuous times, the members dropped for non-payment of dues, together with suspensions, expulsions, transfers and death would have made such an inroad on our membership that the result would have been disastrous.

Members June 30th, 1914	8,199
Members June 30th, 1915	7,869
Loss during year	330

"We dropped for N.P.D. 719, or about nine per cent. of the whole membership. It would be well for you as delegates to go over the statistical tables and report of the Grand Secretary very carefully, for it may be that your own Lodge is in a way to blame for some of these conditions. If not, then the knowledge gleaned may give you an insight to a suggestion that will help us out of the conditions now confronting

us. Death, too, has taken its toll; many of our brethren have been summoned and responded to the call—eighty this year.

"'One army of the Living God,
To His command we bow;
Part of the host have crossed the flood,
And part are crossing now.'

"I desire to call your attention to the report of Grand Master James F. Ailshie, last year. In speaking of the condition of our Order in Idaho he said: 'We now have a healthy, active, enthusiastic and industrious membership—the drones and sponges and false ones have all been left behind, and I now feel confident that a period of unusual growth and prosperity is just opening and that next year will mark an unparalleled increase in membership. The conditions are favorable and promising for the harvest.'

"This prophecy caught my eye the first thing on assuming the duties of Grand Master and I clung to them hard and fast until the reports for the term ending December 31, 1914, began coming in. It was then that I saw that false hopes had been raised and in going into the matter deeper I find conditions have been bad for some time and it is useless for us to try and dodge them; we must meet them with a full determination to overcome them.

"To him on whom the mantle of Grand Master will fall this year I desire to say that he must be up and doing. To the delegates I would say, and carry the message home to your Lodges, that we must get in, put our shoulder to the wheel, and with 'a strong pull and a steady pull,' help the Grand Master do the things you expect of him by doing your part as individual members and Lodges."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 7,896; loss, 330. Assets, $827,716.91.

Illinois.

The seventy-eighth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Springfield, November 16-18, 1915. Grand Master says: "I am pleased to be able to report to you that the spirit of Fraternity—that of peace and harmony—has generally predominated, and the great teachings of Friendship, Love and Truth have made us one and all better for having practiced them. In the dissemination and spreading of Charity and Benevolence we have exercised a great good, the benefits of which can scarcely be realized.

"Loving, loyal service has been rendered me from the mass of members in this great Jurisdiction, without which all of my efforts must have been futile. One year ago, when I assumed this agreeable but arduous task, I realized my limitations and asked the faithful support of every member in the State, and I am pleased to report to you

that, with very few exceptions, I have had the hearty co-operation of the membership of all branches of the Order, and have consequently been very materially assisted in my work.

"It is true that during the past year our Order suffered a loss of ninety-seven members. However, there is satisfaction in the knowledge that it was caused by the great financial depression which was prevalent over all these United States and not from a lack of interest, for, if possible, work and interest in the Order have grown more keen and for the coming year, under the guidance and direction of my able and competent successor, I predict splendid progress in Odd Fellowship in the Jurisdiction of Illinois."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 104,-965; loss, 97. Assets, $3,374,449.58. Rebekah Lodge membership, 59,420; gain, 2,332. Assets, $98,085.61.

Indiana.

The seventy-ninth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Indianapolis, November 17-18, 1915. Grand Master says: "Our Order in Indiana is in good condition. While there has not been the increase in membership during the last year which I had hoped there would be, yet I am sure that we are now on the eve of a great revival in the work, and I hope to see a substantial gain during the coming year. I feel confident that there has never been a time in the history of Indiana Odd Fellowship when the Ritual was more closely followed in the conferring of degrees or when the standard of membership was higher than it is to-day, and quality is of more importance than quantity. I think the Order should be congratulated on the splendid manner in which the work is now being given."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 84,932; gain, 386. Assets, $4,252,527.40.

Iowa.

The sixty-eighth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Waterloo, October 20-22, 1915. Grand Master says: "It has been my desire to make the keynote of the year 'inspiration.' I believed and have found it to be true, that we are composed of so intelligent and high-minded a class of men that each local Lodge is very largely capable of working out its own problems, therefore I have sought to impress the high ideals and objects of Odd Fellowship and the necessity of the practical application of these ideals, confident that the membership would work out the details.

"I have been strongly impressed with the splendid type of our membership. It is no exaggeration to say that with very few exceptions no more representative body of men could be found in the respective communities than are found in the Odd Fellows Lodge."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 60,054; gain, 663. Assets, $2,040,202.00. Rebekah Lodge membership, 43,241; gain, 1,472. Assets, $24,675.00.

Kansas.

The fifty-eighth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Topeka, October 13-14, 1915. Grand Master says: "Notwithstanding the fact that this administration has done a great deal of work in trying to build up the Order, we are unable to report any substantial gain, but feel confident that the Order is holding its own in numbers and increasing in efficiency and interest.

"The greatest problem confronting the Order is that of preventing the brothers from dropping for non-payment of dues. This can be largely obviated, I am sure, if the brothers will see to it that no applicant for admission gets past the ballot, unless the membership of the Lodge is certain that his object in joining is to make himself a better man and assist in the work of the Order; and not for the pecuniary benefits he may receive.

"I think, also, that an officer whose whole time could be given up to visiting the various Lodges of the State, encouraging and assisting the brothers, would help very materially in this matter."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 49,411; loss, 527. Assets, $1,862,953.65.

Kentucky.

The seventy-eighth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Dawson Springs, October 12-13, 1915. Grand Master says: "Increase in Membership—This topic belongs to the report of the Grand Secretary, but I will say that the loss for the term ending December 31, 1914, was unusually heavy. With the beginning of the term, January 1, 1915, the Grand Officers began a determined effort to stop the loss and make an increase. We succeeded, but not as we desired. We know we did our best, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that we did better in this respect than our great sister organization. Reports received from Lodges since July 1, 1915, lead me to believe that the Lodges are doing more to increase their membership than heretofore. I believe the hard work we have done is now bearing fruit."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 27,859; loss, 881. Assets, $1,383,403.31.

Louisiana.

The eighty-second annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Shreveport, March 9-10, 1915. Grand Master says: "The end of this, the fiscal year of our Order, presents some very peculiar conditions. The Order, up until about the middle of June, was showing a gradual

increase in membership and interest, but about this time hostilities broke out across the waters and there appeared to be a damper thrown over our Order and it has not recovered from that shock up to date. All railroads and public work in general began to retrench. The bad crops and low prices and no market had a telling effect on the growth of the Order. The Lodges in New Orleans were in a healthy and prosperous condition until the bubonic plague struck the city, when it simply paralyzed the several Lodges located there, and it required several months for them to even get back to regular work. Taking the Order as a whole over the State, perhaps we have made a slight increase."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 4,190; loss, 316. Assets, $141,097.42.

Maine.

The seventy-second annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Portland, October 20, 1915. Grand Master says: "I am pleased to report the Lodges of this Jurisdiction in a very prosperous condition. Reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters and others indicate that harmony prevails throughout. My own experience proves to me after many visitations that Odd Fellowship has much to be proud of in the Jurisdiction of Maine in the way of prosperous, harmonious Lodges.

"I have found a few instances of irregularity, but these have been easily adjusted through a medium of advice from the Grand Master. I have been most ably assisted by my District Deputy Grand Masters in a great many instances, and to them is due a great amount of the success achieved at district meetings and other gatherings. To the Special Deputy of the Rebekah branch, Sister Virginia L. Holbrook, I owe a special praise as well as my sincere thanks for the close application to the work of the Order, and the efficiency that has marked her efforts throughout the term."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 26,299; gain, 257. Assets, $1,021,241.02. Rebekah Lodge membership, 24,089; gain, 759. Assets, $25,797.55.

Manitoba.

The thirty-third annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Winnipeg, March 3-4, 1915. Grand Master says: "During a great part of the year just drawing to its close we have been passing through conditions that none of us have ever had to contend with before—all the nations of Europe in the clash of arms, thousands of homes destroyed, cities, towns and villages razed to the ground, in many cases the work of centuries wiped out, and the paralyzing effect of the greatest war the world has ever known, being felt in every department of life, to say nothing of the appalling loss of life.

"At the commencement of the year we looked forward to being able to make a fair advancement in our membership, with the possibility of instituting several new Lodges during the fall, but under existing conditions the latter did not seem at all possible or advisable, but to aim to build up and strengthen the Lodges already in existence seemed to be the part of wisdom, to this end plans were made so that practically every Lodge would be visited by myself or some Grand Lodge officer, and when one considers that practically all of this work has to be done in a few months it will readily be seen the task is no light one.

"I am glad to report that it has been accomplished, as you will see by the reports of the different officers. The condition of our Lodges, with the exception of a small proportion, is very good. In these latter it will be necessary for the incoming Grand Master to devote a little extra time and attention. I feel that great care requires to be exercised in the placing of Lodges at small points, and that unless there is a very strong probability of success it is the part of wisdom to withhold the granting of charters.

"I also think from a study of conditions here and the experience of older jurisdictions that the question of widows' benefits or annuities should be carefully considered. It is a question with me as to whether the majority of our Lodges are on safe ground in granting by their by-laws annuities covering period running up to ten years, and it does appear to me that as the age of our membership is increasing we will find ourselves in great danger on this account."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 10,269; gain, 85. Assets, $323,764.01. Rebekah Lodge membership, 6,395; gain, 203. Assets, $54,806.15.

Maritime Provinces of Canada.

The fifty-eighth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, August 11, 1915. Grand Master says: "It is a great pleasure to greet you in the beautiful city of Charlottetown, where I was installed as Grand Master of this Jurisdiction on the 13th of August, 1902, and where I expect to have the pleasure of installing the worthy successor of your choice on the 12th day of August, 1915. The intervening years, under the capable men who have filled this office between my first and second terms, have been years of steady progress in numbers, influence and usefulness, and I am glad to know that my own terms have not proved an exception to the rule.

"When I laid down the burden in August, 1903—for the office of Grand Master is no sinecure—we numbered 75 Subordinate Lodges, a gain of two during the year, with 6,405 members, a gain of 448 during the year. To-day we have 120 Subordinate Lodges, a gain of 45 Lodges, or 60 per cent., and approximately 11,500 members, a gain of 5,100 members, or 80 per cent., in twelve years. In 1903 we had

26 Rebekah Lodges, with something over 2,000 members. To-day we have 68 Rebekah Lodges, with nearly, if not quite, 6,000 members.

"In 1903 we had a total membership, brothers and sisters of the Order, of 7,666; to-day we have a total membership, brothers and sisters, of more than double that number.

"The past year has been one to try men's souls, and to prove what stuff they are made of. It has also been a year to try institutions, and to prove the soundness of their principles, the worth of their objects, and the fidelity and zeal of their members. I am glad to be able to say that, so far as my own observation goes and so far as the reports I have received indicate, Odd Fellowship in this Jurisdiction has stood the test. We have held our own and, I believe, have made some gain in membership. A goodly number of our members have enlisted in the service of our Empire, and many of them are now fighting the battles of freedom and humanity on the other side of the Atlantic. Our Lodges, I have reason to believe, have remembered these brothers in various ways, and are guarding their interests and the welfare of their families. I trust we have a full list of those who have enlisted, so that the honor roll to be published in our journal may be complete."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 11,319, gain, 271. Assets, $285,332.93. Rebekah Lodge membership, 5,744, gain 224. Assets, $2,641.20.

Maryland.

The eighty-seventh annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Baltimore, April 19-20, 1915. Grand Master says: "All societies, states and nations have their famines and times of distress, as well as their seasons of full and plenty, prosperity and happiness, and our organization is no exception. And if we closely observe the recorded events of the past, we are impressed with the thought that this seems to be the means by which the Supreme Ruler of the Universe prepares us for a rejuvenation. The trees of the forest, the flowers of the field, the birds of the air all undergo this change of nature. In the Fall of the year, after the hoary fingers of Frost have left traces of their icy touch, with deep sorrow we look upon the fading foliage as its beauty gradually disappears until there is left only the barren stalks and stems of what was once fascinating to the eye and enrapturing to the soul. As men rest by night to recuperate for the labors of the next day, so the flora of the earth disrobes and lapses into a comatose state during the Winter season, and the birds migrate to another clime, from whence they return upon the approach of Spring with more grandeur and enchantment than before, and the trees and flowers send forth their verdure and fragrance with greater fascination.

"When we consider the rapid strides which our Order in Maryland has made in the past, our ardor should not be dampened by what might seem a temporary relaxation of enthusiasm, for there is always a cause. The past year has been a very trying one on benevolent institutions, due largely to the number of men being thrown out of employment through the stress of the times, and when we consider that the number of suspensions has been greatly reduced and that while the numerical increase has not been as great as in the past few years, we have been able to retain a larger percentage of our membership, which is very commendable.

"The statistical reports may not measure up to those of the preceding year, for the year 1913 is unprecedented in the history of Maryland Odd Fellowship, but there have been many good men who have taken up the mantle of Fraternity and entwined about them the cloak of Freiendship, Love and Truth during the past year."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 14,706, gain 522. Assets, $434,031.39.

Massachusetts.

The annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Boston, September 2, 1915. Grand Master says: "Our country has been passing through a period of the worst business depression within the recollection of the present generation, and men in all walks of life have found it difficult to obtain employment, yet, notwithstanding that fact, our Order in this state made a net gain of 940 in Subordinate Lodges for the year ending December 31, 1914, and a net gain of 396 for the six months ending June 30, 1915. While this alone is cause for general rejoicing, there comes the still greater satisfaction of knowing that the standard of our ritualistic work throughout the entire Jurisdiction is constantly improving, and is higher to-day than ever before. The dignity and the ability of the officers whose duty it is to perform the work, have been commended time and again by thoughful, earnest, and learned men within our Order.

"Membership of Subordinate Lodges:

December 31, 1913	60,436
December 31, 1914	61,376
June 30, 1915	61,772

Membership of Rebekah Lodges:

December 31, 1913	34,514
December 31, 1914	34,928

"The membership of Rebekah Lodges includes 23,403 sisters, and 11,525 brothers."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 60,972, gain 865. Assets, $2,721,193.58. Rebekah Lodge membership, 34,928, gain 414. Assets, $229,460.89.

Michigan.

The seventy-first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Bay City, October 19-21, 1915. Grand Master says: "In keeping with my installation pledge, I have not put forth any special effort to increase the membership during the past year. I have been content to let the merits of our Fraternity be the incentive for knocking at our door for admission rather than the urging by individual solicitation. I was confident that if we really were "all working together to win" our efforts would be crowned with success. So I simply sent out the call to every Odd Fellow to "ask a friend" and thus be of some "service" to the Order. That the Brothers have heard the call is evidenced by a membership gain of 2,048 new members.

"My other pledge was to the devoting of the best there was in me for the building up of the quality of Odd Fellowship, and the acquiring of a better knowledge of its laws and usages. To that end I have devoted eight months of the year exclusively to the work and service of the Order, and have held "model Lodge" sessions in nearly every county in the state.

"From the letters of commendation received and the many personal expressions given, as well as the unanimous vote of approval taken at almost every session, I believe I am entitled to say that my humble efforts, so ably supported by our splendid Grand Secretary, Brother Rogers, has resulted in giving to the Lodges a better understanding of the laws and usages of the Order than they ever had before; that the manner in which I presented the need of more personal responsibility and the importance of unsullied characters as essentials in the growth and prosperity of the Order, touched a responsive chord was very manifest, and much good has thereby been accomplished. I am, therefore, content to say that I am happy and satisfied with my year's work, even though I have not extended it as far as I would have liked to."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 65,063, gain 2,863. Assets, $1,606,598.09.

Minnesota.

The sixty-third annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Minneapolis, June 9-10, 1915. Grand Master says: "The statistical reports will show a net increase in membership of 689. This is very gratifying. In some sections of the state it was difficult, on account of distressing business conditions, for the Lodges to secure applications for membership, yet the Lodges in those sections did splendid work and they deserve great credit. The supplementary report will show the number of members admitted since January 1, 1915. Reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters that have been received up to date of writing this report show that our Lodges have been very

active during the fore part of the year 1915, and many of them have made substantial gains in membership.

"It is gratifying to learn, by examining the reports of the Grand Secretary, that we have had 116 less suspensions for non-payment of dues than we had a year ago. This indicates good work upon the part of the Secretaries, and an increasing appreciation of the Order on the part of members. Our total membership in Subordinate Lodges is 23,721."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 23,721, gain, 689. Assets, $1,528,833.97. Rebekah Lodge membership, 13,990; gain, 717. Assets, $46,682.62.

Missouri.

The seventy-seventh annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Cape Girardeau, May 18-20, 1915. Grand Master says: "I have not endeavored to work along the line of increase in membership this year. I have been concerned not so much about our growth in numbers as about our growth in the real principles and practices of Odd Fellowship. I am profoundly convinced that the revival that is needed, not only in our own Fraternity, but in every other Fraternity as well, is the revival that begins within the organization itself, enthusing, consecrating and purifying to the noblest and truest uses of real Odd Fellowship those whose names are already upon our rolls. I have an abiding faith that the numerical increase of our Order will take care of itself when the Brethren all over our Jurisdiction are living true to the tenets and teachings of Odd Fellowship, and when the uninitiated are convinced by our words and works and walk that there is a reality in the professions which we make. And so, the progress and prosperity which I have labored for this year has not been a progress or a prosperity based on mere numerical increase and growth, but a progress and a prosperity based on harmony and unity and sincerity and service.

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 63,086; loss, 571. Assets, $2,603,667.35. Rebekah Lodge membership, 30,912; gain, 677. Assets, $36,644.33.

Montana.

The forty-first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Great Falls, October 19-20, 1915. Grand Master says: "The only regret I have is that I have not been able to do more and better things for the Order.

"There were seven new Lodges instituted during the year. I am just in receipt of the Grand Secretary's report, which shows a net gain of 1,027 members for Subordinate Lodges and 477 for Rebekahs.

This is very gratifying, indeed, assuming that this increase in numbers has added efficiency as well.

"This remarkable growth in the Subordinates is due partly to the general progress and growth of the state and partly to the action of the Grand Lodge in authorizing the reduction of fees, by the Grand Master, to such Lodges as should make application for the same."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 7,598; gain, 1,027. Assets, $193,000.00. Rebekah Lodge membership, 3,714; gain, 447. Assets, $2,497.68.

Nebraska.

The fifty-eighth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Omaha, October 20-21, 1915. Grand Master says: "In our Grand Jurisdiction, there is much to gratify and encourage. I find the great majority of the Lodges are looking more to the quality, rather than the quantity, of the members they are initiating. The Lodge rooms, as a rule, are neat and clean and supplied with up-to-date furniture and paraphernalia. Many of our Lodges own the best building in their town and what is better still, the brothers are imbued with the true spirit of Odd Fellowship and are earnest in their endeavors to be worthy members of our great Fraternity.

"We are in the midst of an epoch-making period. All Europe is engaged in the greatest war of modern times and history will be replete with the happenings of to-day. Let us then with thankful hearts rejoice that we are privileged to live under the flag of liberty, justice and peace, whose glory is not dimmed by an unworthy act, and whose Stars and Stripes guarantee protection and holds out hope and encouragement to the oppressed of every land. Let us earnestly pray that the day may soon come when all nations are at peace, and the whole family of man may be bound together by the Golden Links of Friendship, Love and Truth."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 25,557; gain, 312. Assets, $998,045.51.

Nevada.

The forty-ninth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Reno, June 15-16, 1915. Grand Master says: "The year past has been an active one in this Jurisdiction. The duties of the Grand Master have been heavy and exacting. The Order has grown as it has never grown before in all its history. Nine new Lodges have been added to our Fraternity union and bound by those ties of friendship that never grow old, I present herewith petitions for two more Lodges and recommend that said petitions be finished and granted. I did not grant the last two petitions for the reason that the work of my office

has been so great that I could not reach these two Lodges and institute them before the Grand Lodge convened.

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 1,748; gain, 152. Assets, $121,329.01. Rebekah Lodge membership, 1,462; gain, 95. Assets, $11,410.83.

New Hampshire.

The seventy-second annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Gorham, October 13, 1915. Grand Master says: "While we started the year cherishing the fond hope that the membership might be increased to the 16,000 mark, this year having been marked by a general business depression our ambitions have not been fully realized, yet our Lodges have made substantial gains and I am pleased to report that from my own observation made in visiting Lodges in all sections of the State, and from reports given by my District Deputies, the Lodges for the most part are in a healthy and prosperous condition, and contentment and harmony prevail.

"During the past year many of the Lodges have shown unusual interest and activity, yet there are some weak Lodges, however, and while I have visited as many of these as possible, there are others which I have been unable to visit.

"My only regret in reviewing the work of the past year, is that I have not been able to visit each Lodge in the State, and especially that I have been unable to visit all those which needed encouragement and help; and for this reason I am strongly in favor of having a Grand Instructor whose duty it should be to visit all weak Lodges, giving them help and assistance which they need, and which the Grand Master cannot give.

"If my time and labors, of which I have given both gladly and freely, shall be productive of good to my beloved Order, and shall in any way assist in the work of those who follow me, I shall feel that my efforts have not been in vain, and will be content."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 15,616; loss, 66. Assets, $680,636.74. Rebekah Lodge membership, 16,319; gain, 228. Assets, $13,609.63.

New Jersey.

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 30,354; gain, 22. Assets, $1,472,789.34.

New Mexico.

The twenty-sixth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Albuquerque, October 12-13, 1915. Grand Master says: "I am gratified to state that this year has been a harmonious one within the confines of our Order, and that there is to my knowledge no disturbances worthy of mention.

"Several localities are practically ready for the institution of new Lodges and many more working to that end.

"I find all Lodges it has been my pleasure to visit in good condition and filled with a desire for more knowledge of the work that they may advance the interests of Odd Fellowship."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 2,489; gain, 14. Assets, $92,975.34.

New York.

The annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Syracuse, August 17-19, 1915. Grand Master says: "Time, which waits for no man, has brought us to another year in the progression and development of the principles of our Fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction. To me it has been a year of work, coupled with pleasurable anticipations and realizations.

"It has been my privilege to have traveled many thousands of miles in the performance of my official duties, during the past year, and I am proud to report to you that it has been a year of peace, harmony and success throughout the Jurisdiction.

"Odd Fellowship has never retrograded, nor have we ever taken a step backward since the formation of our Grand Lodge in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three. It would appear that the principles of the Fraternity are strongly implanted in the hearts and minds of the more than one hundred and twenty-eight thousand brethren who give their allegiance to our Grand Body.

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 128,350; gain, 2,056.

North Carolina.

The seventy-second annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Hendersonville, May 18-20, 1915. Grand Master says: "The progress of the Order in the State for the last twelve months has not been such as I had hopes we might accomplish when my term of office began. Starting out with an optimistic anticipation of a large increase of members, and with hopes of a general rally at every point, our anticipations were severely shocked in early August by the news of war which spread like wild fire throughout the civilized world and which disrupted business conditions everywhere. In many places mills and shops were closed, and there was a general curtailment of industry in almost every line. The consequent result had its effect upon our membership, and not only were we unable to make general headway, but lost something near five hundred members through the route of suspensions for non-payment of dues over and above the number taken in. However, there is one item of consolation in the figures, and that is, that with this loss in membership and with the general financial stringency, our revenues for the last year show a falling off only of

$463.22. This certainly evidences the fact that our losses in membership must have been of the kind that we are most able to lose. Early realizing the fact that our efforts to grow must yield in a great degree to these conditions of which I have spoken, it became at once the policy of my administration to build up and strengthen the Lodges throughout the State, and to improve the general condition as an offset against the losses which we realized were bound to follow in the wake of an era of business depression. And, looking now over the field, I am constrained to believe that those efforts have met with success and that the Lodges are in better working order, are doing better degree work, and are paying more attention to the ritual and its teachings than has been the case in several years. And from my experiences gained in this work, I am convinced that while a large and increasing membership is most desirable, that in any event, we should always endeavor to keep such numbers as we have upon our roll,, well organized and efficient in the work and teachings of the Order.

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 15,809; loss, 490. Assets, $305,808.78. Rebekah Lodge membership, 2,597; gain, 3. Assets, $4,098.00.

North Dakota.

The twenty-fifth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Devils Lake, June 3-4, 1915. Grand Secretary reports:

Subordinate Lodge membership, 7,142; loss, 103. Assets, $166,449.19.

Ohio.

The eighty-third annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Lima, June 15-18, 1915. Grand Master says: "The year has come and gone. Again we are reminded of the fleeting process of time. The year has passed more rapidly than any I have experienced.

"To be entrusted with any position of confidence and trust by the Odd Fellows of Ohio is indeed an honor not lightly to be esteemed. But to be entrusted with the honorable and responsible position as the Executive Head of this splendid Order in Ohio, is a signal honor and one which any man may and should justly and rightly appreciate.

"One year ago when I stood in your presence and assumed the arduous duties of this position, I stated that it was our sincere wish, desire and hope, that at the end of the coming year a true and faithful account of our stewardship may not disappoint the Brethren.

"With what success the work has been attended, others may tell.

"Immediately upon my return from the Grand Lodge at Dayton, and on the morning of June 20, 1914, I sent a letter to each Noble Grand and to each Lodge Deputy of each Subordinate Lodge in Ohio, also a letter to each District Deputy Grand Master of the several Districts as well as a letter to each Grand Lodge Representative enclosing Pass Word and Key as provided by law.

"I am glad to report that each one of these Brethren has been ready and willing to co-operate in the work of my administration. I have never had occasion to call upon any of them but what they have responded readily and have performed the work assigned them creditably and with punctuality and dispatch.

"It is with pleasure that I return to each and every one my gratitude for this splendid co-operation, to the end that Odd Fellowship has gone steadily forward in Ohio."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 89,319; gain, 1,531. Assets, $3,349,165.75. Rebekah Lodge membership, 46,476; gain, 664. Assets, $42,425.88.

Oklahoma.

The twenty-third annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Oklahoma City, October 5-6, 1915. Grand Master says: "On account of the law being changed at the last session of the Grand Lodge in regard to Subordinate Lodges making their reports it is almost impossible to ascertain the exact membership at the present time but from reports that have been received, in reply to requests from the Grand Secretary's office, the membership is larger than it was a year ago and this is very gratifying since it has been the duty of the Grand Master to take up the charters of many Lodges, and this would necessarily make a loss of the membership of those Lodges.

"Upon assuming control of the supreme executive office in the State, it was soon very apparent that many Lodges had been carried for years that were not even holding their meetings, not only not meeting once per week as required by the Constitution, but not meeting months in succession. It was the instruction of the Grand Lodge that the charters of these Lodges be arrested, if, after careful investigation they could not be revived. It was necessary to reclaim such charters, while there were only three new Lodges instituted, and now the Jurisdiction has less Lodges than before. It is my earnest belief that the Jurisdiction now has more live Lodges than ever before, and the principles of the Order are carried out better and in a more business-like manner."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 34,941; loss, 154. Assets, $722,170.82. Rebekah Lodge membership, 14,330; gain, 1,046. Assets, $10,176.12.

Ontario.

The sixty-first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Stratford, August 12-13, 1915. Grand Secretary reports: "In view of the general depression which was felt long before the outbreak of the European war, it is most gratifying to note the progress made in 1914, as well as in the last six months. It is true that our net increase is

considerably lower than our yearly average for some time, but some members have felt that to have simply held our own would have been a good record. The decrease of about 800 is not due to any increase in the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues, but to the fact that we had fewer admissions. The financial demands upon all classes of the community have been such as to render it difficult to get the customary number of applicants for initiation, while many of our young men have been enlisting for military service."

Subordinate Lodge membership, 51,969; gain, 1,686. Assets, $2,330,-772.10. Rebekah Lodge membership, 12,108; gain, 1,691. Assets, $27,707.95.

Oregon.

The sixtieth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Newport, May 19-20, 1915. Grand Secretary reports: "A period of depression prevailed throughout the State, and yet there was a net gain of 155, our membership totaling 19,846 at close of 1914. The membership in cities suffer during such times, but in spite of conditions in Portland, the fifteen city Lodges show up a membership of 2,600, and a net loss of but 10. The total assets of all Subordinate Lodges amount to $1,834,863.05, an increase of $21,897.82 over the previous year. Not a charter has been surrendered for many years, and many Lodges report renewed activity, with promises of a good increase in membership."

Subordinate Lodge membership, 19,846; gain, 155. Assets, $1,834,863.05. Rebekah Lodge membership, 17,326; gain, 671. Assets, $44,095.24.

Pennsylvania.

The ninety-second annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Stroudsburg, May 18-20, 1915. Grand Master says: "A retrospective view of our work for the past year is most satisfactory for notwithstanding the fact that the whole country has suffered a business depression, our Order in this Jurisdiction has steadily advanced and its condition improved. We have now reached a point in the history of our Order where it behooves us to look to the character and standing of those who seek to be admitted into our ranks, rather than to follow the slogan of attaining a certain membership within a certain time; for I am not persuaded that a too energetic campaign for membership beyond a natural and healthy growth is of benefit to us. Applications for membership secured by over-persuasion tend to bring into our Order those who are often too prone to grow weary of our work and in a short period of time, to appear upon the already too large suspension lists, that every Subordinate Lodge must contend with, and in the end, we must learn the lesson that it is better to induce by persuasion those who have been honored by membership in our Order to remain with us, than to add new members who have not

the interest and welfare of Odd-Fellowship at heart. Lodges cannot be too careful in the admission of members. Too many knock for admission through selfish and personal motives and inducements held out to them of benefits to be received, and not for the ennobling purposes which our Order enjoins, that of learning the Divine lesson, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 162,042; gain, 4,291. Assets, $6,632,235.43.

Rhode Island.

The seventy-second annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Providence, May 4, 1915. Grand Master says: "I am pleased to report a gain in membership. Although small, it is, nevertheless, gratifying, considering the period of financial depression which has swept the country, making our Order no exception to the general rule. It is encouraging to note that since the opening of the new year, the condition of the Order indicates a season of great prosperity."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 6,450; gain, 20. Assets, $389,966.77. Rebekah Lodge membership, 3,712; gain, 97. Assets, $9,807.12.

Saskatchewan.

The eighth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Yorkton, June 2-3, 1915. Grand Master says: "I have every reason to know, from reports reaching me, and from coming in contact with the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction in my official visits, that the Lodges generally are in a healthy and thriving condition. They only await a return of the country to its normal condition to take on a new lease of life and blossom into activity again.

"There are, as there usually will be in this western country just growing up, a few which, owing to the nomadic conditions over which they have no control, are in a weak condition, and it may be possible that two or three may have to surrender their charters."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 7,395; gain, 580. Assets, $129,453.34.

South Dakota.

The fortieth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Mitchell, May 19-21, 1915. Grand Master says: "The Order throughout the state is in a good healthy condition. While the net gain is not what we had hoped for, yet considering the crop failure over most of our state, the present financial unrest and the great European war now raging, we have no cause to complain, but rather have much to be thankful for. During the year one Subordinate Charter and two Rebekah Charters have been taken up and two Subordinate Lodges con-

solidated and two new Subordinate Lodges and six new Rebekah Lodges have been instituted.

"The membership in South Dakota, January 1, 1915, is as follows: Subordinate members, 12,681; Rebekahs, Sisters, 5,773. Total number of persons belonging, 18,454."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 12,681. Gain, 23. Assets, $410,168.22.

Tennessee.

The seventy-fifth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Chattanooga, October 20-21, 1915. Grand Master says: "It gives me great gratification and pleasure to state that, with two or three exceptions, peace and harmony prevails in the Lodges of this Jurisdiction. This is as it should be—strife and discord should have no place in our sacred councils. I have succeeded in settling a number of annoying and disintegrating difficulties that sprang up in Lodges in different sections of the state with results that were inspiring and flattering. This is one of the most delicate but necessary duties of a Grand Officer. In all cases of dispute the Grand Master has labored without favor or prejudice to bring about a feeling of good fellowship.

"The past year will show a loss of membership. This is regrettable and unfortunate; but considering that we are passing through a period of unparallelled conditions not conducive to the interests and promotion of fraternalism; that we have a world-war waging, and, though this nation is at peace, this conflict is a terrible catastrophe, its frightful destruction of life and property, its inhuman and relentless operations, have a benumbing effect on the fraternal spirit everywhere. Then, too, we are in the midst of a most deplorable financial and business depression; factories are closed, mines shut down, industries paralyzed, money scarce and many out of employment. Such conditions will, of course, retard the growth and deplete the ranks of institutions like ours. With all this, the loss is not nearly so great as we feared. When the facts are fully considered, it is really a matter of congratulation that our Order has not suffered a greater loss."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 27,899; loss, 3,094. Assets, $1,106,869.37.

Texas.

The seventy-fith annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at San Antonia, March 15-18, 1915. Grand Master says: "In looking over the reports of the Lodges of this Jurisdiction, I find that something is radically wrong. Briefly, a great many Lodges are not meeting regularly, especially in the rural districts. Secondly, there are a great many Lodges weak in number, and if something is not done, they

will be lost to this Grand Lodge. Thirdly, the burden of taxation is so great, that the treasuries of the Lodges are drained twice yearly to make the payments to this Grand Body. And lastly, the Lodges themselves, are endeavoring to do too much for their members, with the slender means at their command. That is, in addition to the weekly sick benefits, many provide for the payment of a trained nurse, and many thereby have gone on the rocks of absolute bankruptcy.

"The remedies for the above stated conditions as I see them—and I desire to advocate them earnestly to this Grand Body—are few. We are not growing as we should, and this is directly traceable to lack of enthusiasm in the Lodges. For the purpose of stimulating enthusiasm, building up the smaller Lodges, and inculcating a more general knowledge of our laws and usages, we should have a number of salaried field workers, well qualified to accomplish these things. The territory of this Grand Jurisdiction is so wide and the number of Lodges so great, that it is impossible for your Grand Officers, though they devote their entire time to it, to accomplish a tithe of the work necessary in this direction.

"Another, and even more pressing need, is a lightening of the burden now imposed, in the way of a reduction of the per capita tax, if this could be done without embarrassing the institutions of the Grand Lodge.

"One of the main pillars on which this organization rests, is the visiting of the sick. Men are brought closer together, after having nursed each other through some trying period of illness. But latterly, brothers have neglected this duty, and have sent an outsider, a professional nurse, to take their place at the bedside for hire, and thus lose much of the fine old spirit of Odd Fellowship, which draws men closer and closer in the bonds of Brotherhood. My remedy for this is a law prohibiting the employment of a paid nurse except in contagious cases, without providing a special assessment to cover the same."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 42,768; loss, 474. Assets, $1,536,354.62.

Virginia.

The seventy-eighth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Richmond, May 11-12, 1915. Grand Master says: "We need proficiency in our work. So soon as the local Lodge prepares itself to open and close Lodge, also confer the several degrees without the aid of rituals, then we will increase our membership. If you make a survey of the Lodges throughout the state, we will readily see the cause that makes the wide-awake Lodge a success. Only in rare instances have I seen a Lodge opened without a ritual. Notice the Lodges with good drilled degree teams, and you will see the Lodges that are increasing in membership. I have urged the need of knowledge of the

Fraternity in every speech I have uttered, but I soon saw we could not make the era of Lodge efficiency before pleading for more members. A review of the past years, show our decrease. I realized that we confronted a serious stage, I began to hear of the financial conditions of the country and the rebound upon our Lodges. In the midst of it, I suggested the Booster Club, sending out a letter to the Secretary of each Lodge.

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 28,136; loss, 868. Assets, $103,380.20. Rebekah Lodge membership, 2,511; loss, 27.

WASHINGTON.

The thirty-seventh annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at the City of Tacoma, June 8-10, 1915. Grand Master says: "Throughout the Jurisdiction the Order is in splendid condition. The year has been one of activity in the Order, and while we show a decrease in number of members, the quality of those remaining more than makes up the loss; and the feeling of fraternity that pervades our ranks has become so strong that I feel sure the next few years are going to show a material growth numerically.

"Some few lodges have had a trying time in holding their membership together and in meeting their obligations, but the foundation upon which they are building is so solid that I can safely predict for them a future worthy of the great Order, and a deserved success to those who have so loyally stood by their Lodge when the clouds were the thickest and they could not see the silver lining.

"More than ever before has the whole membership of this Jurisdiction tried to realize and teach that the Order is not one for self, but for the other fellow; and they have tried by every means to show TOLERATION for one another and to work in unison with their brothers for the advancement of our Order and the benefit of the whole human race.

"In a few cases there has been a difference of opinion in some Lodges, which was referred to me for answer; and with one or two exceptions, I have been able to settle these controversies harmoniously. Most of the brothers were honest in their opinions, and when they learned what would best serve the spirit of Odd Fellowship, they were willing to go that way and draw closer than ever the ties that bind man unto his fellow man in bonds of fraternity.

"Owing to conditions that were beyond our control, the financial standing of some of the Lodges is in bad shape, but the money they have paid in sick and funeral benefits has been well spent and will return to them some day an hundredfold—if not in cash, then in the consciousness of a duty well done; and they will remember with pleasure that they stood by their brothers and their families in the time of need and that is Odd Fellowship in its highest form."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 27,482; loss, 460. Assets, $1,844,182.98. Rebekah Lodge membership, 22,286; loss, 16. Assets, $69,938.24.

West Virginia.

The fiftieth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Morgantown, October 12-14, 1915. Grand Master says: "This, like all the years that have preceded it, has been full of labor and anxious care and thought. But labor when given for another becomes a pleasure. It is only when self rises up to claim all the benefits that labor becomes a hard master and a drudgery.

"Naturally enough, as the Order grows the task of caring for the work increases. It will be seen by the great number of By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws that have been submitted for approval that the labor is greatly increasing with each passing year.

"We are pleased to note the healthy growth of the Order as the number of new Lodges will indicate. And yet there is an abundance of material that has not been even touched that should be gathered into our Fraternity.

"We rejoice in the bountiful harvests that our Heavenly Father has bestowed upon us so richly, and to Him we lift our grateful hearts in loving gratitude for His sure mercies and everlasting kindness."

Grand Secretary reports: "This session marks the half century period of the existence of this Grand Lodge. Organized in 1865 by a handful of earnest Odd Fellows, we have steadily grown to thirty thousand members, practically ten thousand stronger than any other Order in the State. This lead does not suggest a sitting down and waiting until we are overtaken, but rather an impetus to greater growth. In general, the lodges throughout the state are enjoying harmony and prosperity and many of them are having an unusual growth.

"Subordinate Lodge membership, 28,845; gain, 1,777. Assets, $840,750.00. Rebekah Lodge membership, 6,891; gain, 385. Assets, $1,847.58.

Wisconsin.

The sixty-ninth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Manitowoc, June 1-3, 1915. Grand Master says: "It gives me pleasure, that despite the depressed state of business interests and activities throughout our country and Europe, the Order has maintained its ground during the past year in making progress of growth and improvement in the work.

"During the term ending June 30, 1914, there was a gain of a fraction over 600 members, but during the term ending December 31, 1914, there was a loss, owing to the dropping of members for non-payment of dues. I trust that some remedy may be found to prevent this enormous leak of members."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 19,998; gain 266. Assets, $961,755.39.

Wyoming.

The forty-third annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Sheridan, October 13-14, 1915. Grand Master says: "General conditions of the Order seem in every respect to be in good shape, although, with a few exceptions, the Lodges will show a small decrease in membership, caused, in my opinion, by a general depression, during which time it is hard to get new members. The decrease in quantity is being offset by the quality, so we have every reason to be proud of our Order in this Jurisdiction."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 2,952; loss, 166. Assets, $245,911.96. Rebekah Lodge membership, 1,974; gain, 82. Assets, $2,613.15.

Australasia.

The twelfth triennial session of this Grand Lodge was held at Adelaide, S.A., May 19-21, 1914. Brother S. A. E. B. Gilder, Grand Sire, reports: "The aggregate increase of members has not been as satisfactory as I expected, but I find that each of the Jurisdictions, except Queensland and Western Australia, have made steady progress, New South Wales being well in the lead."

Order in Australasia, December 31, 1913.

Number of Grand Lodges	7
Number of Subordinate Lodges	460
Number of Rebekah Lodges	104
Number of Juvenile Lodges	34
Members of Subordinate Lodges	45,300
Members of Rebekah Lodges (sisters)	5,381
Members of Juvenile Lodges	2,012
Total Membership	52,693
Number of Grand Encampments	2
Number of Subordinate Encampments	28
Members of Encampments	884
Total Funds	$2,781,136.77

Grand Secretary says: "Although a fair aggregate advance has been made since last Report, it falls a long way short of what might have been expected, especially when we consider that the whole of the States of the Commonwealth and the Dominion have been blessed with abundant prosperity. Twenty-three Subordinate Lodges have been instituted, making the total number 460, and as the total increase in membership for the past three years has only been 4219, the unsatisfactory average increase has been obtained of about three members per Lodge per annum."

New Zealand.

The thirty-seventh annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Aukland, March 16-19, 1915. Grand Master says: "From the report of the Grand Secretary you will see that, notwithstanding the competition of the National Provident Fund and other Friendly Societies, that we are gaining ground rapidly, and, although it is quite likely that we shall have to contend against increased benefits from the Government scheme, which, as time goes on must be looked for, I feel sure we shall always have a strong argument in our favor, if we impress upon our new members that the fraternal advantages are greater, and it is this side of Odd Fellowship that we should make an important point of in securing candidates.

"Since our last meeting in Dunedin the call to arms has sounded over practically the whole world, and our Dominion has responded nobly, and our Order is represented by about 200 men in the New Zealand Forces. The Executive will probably place their views before you as to the best method of assisting these brothers to retain their membership whilst on active service. It is likely that ways and means will be found for meeting this expense out of surplus money. Some of our Lodges are paying the dues of members who have joined the Expeditionary Forces from their Management or Benevolent Funds; but as a number of Lodges do not possess a Benevolent Fund, and have very poor Management Funds, the Grand Lodge Executive made an appeal to all Lodges to assist in establishing a Central Fund, out of which assistance could be rendered to such Lodges, and I am pleased to say the result has been satisfactory for the meantime; but it is absolutely necessary that the whole matter be discussed and the Fund placed on a solid basis. Owing to there being a likelihood of heavy calls on the General Fund through this horrible war, some Societies have re-insured their members with Insurance Societies, the New Zealand Government making a subsidy equal to one-half of the cost of so doing. However, as our Society is sound financially, we are assured that there is no necessity for us to do this; so that in taking the risk on our own Fund we shall receive the Government allowance similar to the other Societies."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge members, 6,891; gain, 193. Rebekah Lodge membership, 531; loss, 6. Juvenile Lodge membership, 707; gain, 2. Assets Grand and Subordinate Bodies, $542,641.60.

South Australia.

The thirty-eighth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Adelaide, March 16-18, 1915. Grand Master says: "During the twelve months just passed our State and Empire have been passing through a time of severe trial; and I regret to say that the clouds have not yet lifted, but I hope ere long that better and brighter days

may dawn. To me the brightest spot in the darkness has been the splendid manner in which the brethern have arisen to the occasion, and have shown that trials only serve to tighten the bonds of fraternal friendship.

"Early in September the strenous times through which we were passing necessitated calling the Executive together, and the matter was earnestly and thoroughly discussed, and resolutions were passed and forwarded to the Lodges requesting them to help all brethern in the Order who were in distress; and it is a matter of congratulation that the Lodges throughout the whole Jurisdiction have helped in every way possible, and thus have enabled us to tide over the worst without material loss in numbers.

"Those members who have volunteered to serve their country and have gone, or are going, to the front, I felicitate on their patriotism and trust that they may be spared to receive our welcome home; and to those splendid workers who at home are helping to alleviate the sufferings of our workless ones, I trust that the knowledge of good deeds well done will be a sufficient reward, and will render their future a happy one."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 4,891; loss, 40. Rebekah Lodge membership, 927; gain, 25. Juvenile Lodge membership, 1,572; gain, 20. Assets Grand and Subordinate Bodies, $404,742.08.

Victoria.

The sixty-first annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Melbourne, March 9-11, 1915. Grand Master says: "The amount of interest taken by the members of Subordinate Lodges varies considerably. Generally speaking, only a small proportion of our members take interest in the working of their respective Lodges; still, there are in each Lodge a number who endeavor to carry on the work. In some cases, both in the metropolitan area and in the country, keen interest is taken by those who attend the meetings, and a regular increase of members takes place. On the other hand, there are Lodges which have got into different ways of working, with the result that in these cases no advancement is made."

Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate Lodge membership, 10,262; gain, 12. Rebekah Lodge membership, 900; loss, 18. Juvenile Lodge membership, 307; loss, 22. Assets, Grand and Subordinate Bodies, $1,065,547.00.

Western Australia.

The sixteenth annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Kalgoorlie, August 17-21, 1915. Grand Secretary reports: Subordinate

Lodge membership, 2,998; loss, 133. Rebekah Lodge membership, 425; gain, 48. Assets, Grand and Subordinate Bodies, $162,155.16.

Fraternally submitted,
WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON,
ELOF LUNDBLAD,
CLIFFORD H. STARKWEATHER.
Committee on Correspondence.

On motion the report of the Committee on Correspondence was adopted.

Representative Wallace R. Johnson, Secretary of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut, submitted the report of the Home Corporation, and recommended the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the records of the annual meeting of the Corporators of the I. O. O. F. Home, held in New Haven, March 15, 1916, be accepted as presented, and that the same be printed in the Journal of this session of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That a semi-annual tax of fifteen cents per capita be and the same is hereby levied on the contributing members of the Order in this State, payable July 1, 1916, and January 1, 1917. the same to be used for the current expenses of the Odd Fellows Home, the tax payable July 1, 1916, to be based on the membership reported to the Grand Lodge December 31, 1915; the tax payable January 1, 1917, to be based on the membership reported to the Grand Lodge June 30, 1916.

On motion the resolution accepting the report of the annual meeting of the Corporators was adopted, and the resolution levying a semi-annual tax was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Philip Pond, from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on Distribution. to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Master and other Grand Officers, respectfully reports that it has given careful consideration to the distribution of the several subjects referred to in said reports, and recommends that said subjects be referred to committees as follows:

TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

So much of the Grand Master's report as is contained on page 1 and page 2, except the first complete paragraph on page 2, pages 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,

8, 9 and 10, to the subject. Decisions; the subject, Official Correspondence, beginning on page 15, except so much as relates to Grand Sire Daniel, and all of the remaining report of the Grand Master.

Of the Grand Secretary's report, the matter relating to Membership on pages 28 and 29; the subject, New Rebekah Lodges, beginning on page 36; and beginning with the topic, 1906-1916, on page 40, all the remainder of the Grand Secretary's report.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Of the Grand Master's report the subject, Decisions, appearing on page 10; the subject, Dispensations Granted, beginning on page 11; and of the Grand Secretary's report the entire subject, Bonds for Financial Secretary and Treasurer, beginning on page 38; of the Grand Representatives report the subject, New Code, on page 63.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Of the Grand Master's report the first full paragraph on page 2; of the Grand Secretary's report the subject, Finances, on page 28, and beginning on page 30 with Receipts of the Grand Lodge, the remainder of page 30 with pages 31 to 36, inclusive. to the subject, New Rebekah Lodges; of the report of the Grand Treasurer the entire report.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

So much of the Grand Master's report as contains the Official Correspondence and action relative to Grand Sire Daniel.

Your committee further recommends that the report of the Grand Representatives to the Grand Master be accepted as the report of the Grand Representatives to this Grand Lodge, and that the report of the Committee on Correspondence be accepted as printed, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge to that committee.

Fraternally submitted,

PHILIP POND,
WM. T. HAYDEN,
GEO. A. BRAMANN,
Committee on Distribution.

On motion the report was accepted and subjects referred as recommended.

The Grand Master submitted a supplemental report covering "Dispensations Granted, Rebekah Lodges Instituted, and Official Visitations," not noted in printed advance report.

On motion the same was accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Secretary submitted a supplemental report covering the institution of Dorcas Rebekah Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F., at Danielson, May 5, 1916.

On motion the same was accepted and referred to the Committee on Distribution.

Representative Upson, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on State of the Order beg leave to report that they have had under consideration and examination the semi-annual reports of the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction for the year of 1915. As a rule the Lodges seem to be in a very prosperous and flourishing condition. The consuming process of time is ever showing its effects, and for the past year we report 389 deaths, but notwithstanding our many losses, we show a substantial gain for the year, and we continue to climb toward the coveted goal of 30,000 members.

The Lodges showing the largest gains have been divided into two classes. A and B. Class A contains five Lodges making the largest gain in membership, and are as follows: No. 86, 48 new members; No. 99, 33 new members; No. 89, 30 new members; No. 101, 30 new members; No. 21, 29 new members.

In Class B, six Lodges showing the next largest gain: No. 49, 28 new members; No. 33, 26 new members; No. 51, 25 new members; No. 2, 24 new members; No. 19. 24 new members; No. 65, 24 new members; the last three being tie.

The five Lodges having the largest membership are as follows: No. 21, 889; No. 89, 790; No. 99, 722; No. 2, 695; No. 45, 525.

The finances show gains, and the total assets at the close of the year amounted to $936,875.96, or per capita. $38.57. The combined Lodges have cash on hand of $291,312.26.

We notice that it cost the Lodges of the State what you would class as running expenses $51,569.32, and accompanying this item is an unclassified item under all other Lodge expense which amounts to $43.103.33.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the Lodges should be more explicit in the classification of these expenditures. We have no desire to restrict the liberty of the Lodges, nor to in any way embarrass them in making their reports, but we think the classification of expenditures should be more carefully itemized. Therefore in submitting this report, we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction, in submitting their semi-annual reports, more explicitly itemize and classify their Lodge expenditures.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
A. G. BRECKENRIDGE,
R. C. HENZE,

Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

Sidney W. Challenger, Grand Treasurer, for the Executive Council, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

The Executive Council. to which was referred the report of the Good Samaritan Committee, found on pages 554 and 555, and sent to the Council by the report of the Committee on Finance, found on page 567, both of the Grand Lodge Journal of 1915, would respectfully beg leave to report that it has carefully examined into the matter and would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Body recommend to the Board of Management of the Odd Fellows Home that it provide rules and regulations for dealing with all cases which come under the terms of the above-named resolution. When it is found that a case requiring assistance is reported from any Lodge, the Board of Management shall make a careful investigation as to the ability of the Lodge in which the brother or relative of any brother is connected, to meet all obligations. If it is found that the Lodge is not able to stand the entire expense, the Board of Management shall provide for such charges in excess of the regular weekly cost of $2.00.

On motion the report was accepted and referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Representative Alling, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report that we have examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID R. ALLING,
MICHAEL LARSEN.
OLIVER W. LEWIS,
Committee on Finance.

On motion the report was adopted.

Representative Alling, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on Finance recommend that a semi-annual tax of ten cents be laid upon the contributing members,

payable July 1, 1916, and January 1, 1917, the tax payable July 1, 1916, to be based on the membership reported to the Grand Lodge December 31, 1915, and the tax payable January 1, 1917, on the membership reported to the Grand Lodge June 30, 1916.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID R. ALLING,
MICHAEL LARSEN,
OLIVER W. LEWIS,
Committee on Finance.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Upson, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

NEW HAVEN, CONN., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution presented by the Past Grands of Oronoque Lodge, No. 90, I. O. O. F., requesting that the Grand Lodge request all Subordinate Lodges in the Jurisdiction to give at least one cent per week for the next three years to the Home Fund, would respectfully report that they have carefully considered the resolution and would recommend that the resolution be referred to the Special Committee of which Grant U. Kierstead, P.G.M., is chairman, which has been appointed by the Home Corporation to take into consideration all recommendations and propositions relative to the funds of the Home, and report to the annual meeting of the Corporation in 1917.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
A. G. BRECKENRIDGE,
R. C. HENZE,
Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Upson, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

NEW HAVEN, CONN., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as would properly

come under their jurisdiction. have had the same under consideration and report as follows:

Page 1, second paragraph, relative to the visitation of many of the smaller and outside Lodges, most heartily commend the Grand Master for his action in this matter, believing that it will result in great good.

Also subject matter found on pages 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, to decisions. Also on pages 15. 16, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, all of which we recommend the approval by this Grand Body.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
A. G. BRECKENRIDGE,
R. C. HENZE,

Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Stevenson, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

SUBORDINATE LODGE BY-LAW AMENDMENTS.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Body, have examined the following Amendments to the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges submitted to your Committee by the Lodges since the last Grand Lodge session; and your Committee has approved of the same, since there was found in them nothing in violation of any of the Laws of the Order or the principles and practices of its teachings, and reports them to this Grand Lodge for approval. as follows:

May 29, 1915—Pequabock Lodge, No. 48. Making fee for admission by card $5.00 and upwards.

June 8, 1915—Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21. Denying right to speak or vote or receive password, if more than 13 weeks in arrears for dues.

June 15, 1915—Butler Lodge, No. 97. Fixing a non-beneficial period of 6 weeks following payments of due arrearages; and providing for a 5 per cent. contingent fund.

August 19, 1915—Shetucket Lodge, No. 27. Fixing amount of funds or sums to be paid over to Trustees.

August 21. 1915—Summit Lodge, No. 45. Fixing Outside Guardian's salary at same amount as dues.

September 8, 1915—Fenwick Lodge, No. 20. Providing for officers' duties, nursing, dues, and funeral expenses.

September 29, 1915—Ridgely Lodge, No. 51. Limiting nurse hire and hospital expense (in addition to weekly benefits) to six weeks in any year.

September 30, 1915—Rippowam Lodge, No. 24. Providing for admission fees for non-affiliated Odd Fellows.

October 6, 1915—Franklin Lodge, No. 42. Fixing initiation fees, card fees, dues, and assessments.

December 29, 1915—Pequonnock Lodge, No. 4. General revision.

January 4, 1916—Shetucket Lodge, No. 27. Reducing initiation fees and degree fees to minimum allowed.

January 6, 1916—Steuben Lodge, No. 83. Reducing number in funeral delegation.

January 14, 1916—Samuel H. Harris Lodge, No. 99. Making salary of Secretary $62.50 per term; Financial Secretary $125 a year; and Treasurer $62.50 per term.

January 15, 1916—Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 65. Raising funeral benefit from $75 to $100.

January 19, 1916—Rippowam Lodge, No. 24. Fixing admission fees for admission of non-affiliated Odd Fellows at same rate as for other initiates.

January 19, 1916—John Ericsson Lodge, No. 67. Fixing disability period after payment of arrearages at 60 days instead of 13 weeks, and fixing Treasurer's salary at $15 instead of $10 a term.

January 27, 1916—Gerstaecker Lodge, No. 96. Providing for the duties of visiting sick members.

February 12, 1916—Uncas Lodge, No. 11. Reducing initiation fees and degree fees to minimum allowed.

February 25, 1916—Butler Lodge, No. 97. Raising dues from $6 to $8 a year.

March 8, 1916—Accanant Lodge, No. 71. Fixing fees for admission by card, and fixing annual dues.

March 14, 1916—Germania Lodge, No. 78. Doing away with benefit for first week's sickness and reducing funeral benefits from $150 to $100 on death of member, and from $50 to $25 on death of wife of member.

March 31, 1916—Accanant Lodge, No. 71. Fixing rights of non-beneficial members to receive attentive benefits but not pecuniary benefits.

April 1, 1916—Central Lodge, No. 12. General revision.

April 26, 1916—Samuel H. Harris Lodge, No. 99. Providing for sick benefits for Scarlet Degree members only, and fixing rates at $5 for 13 weeks, $2 for 91 weeks, and $1 per week thereafter, with none for first week, or parts of a week.

April 27, 1916—Pequonnock Lodge, No. 4. Providing in relapse sicknesses from same complaint for a minimum weekly rate of $2 for a full year each time before dropping to $1.

May 12, 1916—King David Lodge, No. 31. Fixing funeral expense allowance at $50, and providing for a Board of Governors, of which Trustees should be members *ex officio,* to have charge of leased rooms.

Wherefore your Committee submits the following resolution and recommends its adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Legislation in approving the foregoing Amendments to the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges be, and the same is, hereby approved and adopted.

Respectfully submitted in F., L. & T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
LUCIUS H. FULLER,
J. GORDON BALDWIN,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted, and resolution adopted.

Representative Stevenson, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

REBEKAH LODGE BY-LAW AMENDMENTS.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Body, have examined the following Amendments to the By-Laws of Rebekah Lodges submitted to your Committee by the Rebekah Lodges since the last Grand Lodge session; and your Committee has approved of the same, since there was found in them nothing in violation of any of the Laws of the Order or the principles and practices of its teachings, and reports them to this Grand Lodge for approval. as follows:

July 27, 1915—Eureka Rebekah Lodge, No. 42. Fixing salaries for officers and others.

August 5, 1915—Mayflower Rebekah Lodge, No. 38. Providing for one meeting only during July and August.

August 16, 1915—Unity Rebekah Lodge, No. 54. Changing night of meeting.

December 23, 1915—Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 57. General revision.

Wherefore your Committee submits the following resolution and recommends its adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Legislation in approving the foregoing Amendments to the By-Laws of Rebekah Lodges be, and the same is, hereby approved and adopted.

Respectfully submitted in F., L. & T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
LUCIUS H. FULLER,
J. GORDON BALDWIN,

Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

On motion the nomination of officers was made the order of the day immediately after the noon recess.

Representative Hayden, from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following:

NEW HAVEN, CONN., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the supplemental report of the Grand Master and the supplementary report of the Grand Secretary, have duly considered the matter and recommend that the subject "Dispensations" in the Grand

Master's report be referred to the Committee on Legislation; and that the rest of the report and all of the Grand Secretary's report be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. T. HAYDEN,
GEO. A. BRAMANN,
PHILIP POND,
Committee on Distribution.

On motion the report was accepted and subjects referred as recommended.

Representative Stevenson, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

NEW HAVEN, CONN., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Master under the subheading. "Dispensations Granted," on pages 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Grand Master's report today, and supplemental report, respectfully reports that it has given said matter consideration and has found nothing in the granting of any of said dispensations which in any way violates the Laws of the Order and nothing therein but what your Committee can see is properly subject to the approval of this Grand Body. Your Committee therefore submits the following resolution and recommends its adoption:

Resolved, That the dispensations granted by the Grand Master during the past Grand Lodge year as contained in his report to this Body to-day be, and the same are, hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted in F., L. & T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
LUCIUS H. FULLER,
J. GORDON BALDWIN,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

Representative Stevenson, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

NEW HAVEN, CONN., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

GRAND MASTER'S DECISIONS.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Legisation, to whom was referred the Ten Decisions rendered by the Grand Master during the

past year as enumerated in his annual report this day, begs leave to report that it has carefully examined the said ten decisions. It recommends that the answer to question one have added thereto the following sentence. "The pro rata share dating from and after the calendar week of death"; and that the answer to question three be amended to read as follows, "The pro rata share dating from and after the calendar week of death." The remaining eight decisions seem to be in conformity with the laws and usages, and with the above two changes made in the answers to questions one and three, your Committee recommends that the said ten decisions as herein amended be approved and adopted by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted in F., L. & T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
LUCIUS H. FULLER,
J. GORDON BALDWIN,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

The Grand Master called on some of our invited guests to address the Grand Body, and interesting addresses were made by: Harry Walker, Grand Secretary, of New York; Harry S. Pine, Grand Secretary, of New Jersey; George E. Judge, Grand Master, New York; George W. Pike, Grand Master, New Hampshire, and L. B. Cooper, Grand Master, Ontario, Canada.

Representative Stevenson, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

AMENDMENT TO SUBORDINATE LODGE CONSTITUTION IN THE MATTER OF RELAPSE SICKNESSES OR DISABILITIES.

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your standing Committee on Legislation report that there are several Lodges in this Jurisdiction which have a by-law covering *relapse* sicknesses or disabilities caused by the *same complaint* as a prior sickness or disability, and fixing the rate of weekly benefits as for a continuous sickness or disability without any payments for the intervals between the sicknesses or disabilities. In order that there may be no question about the constitutionality of any such by-laws your committee recommends that the following amendment to the Subordinate Lodge Constitution be adopted:

Amend Article IV. of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution by *inserting* therein a *new* sub-heading and section as follows:

Relapse Sicknesses or Disabilities.

Sec. 2½. Lodges may adopt by-laws fixing benefits for *relapse* sicknesses or disabilities caused by the *same complaint* as a prior sick-

ness or disability, and fixing the rate of weekly benefits as for a continuous sickness or disability without any payments for the intervals between the sicknesses or disabilities; but in each such by-law the following *proviso* must be added to each such by-law, and is hereby so added:

"*Provided,* that each time said brother is placed back on the sick list, from the *same complaint* as aforesaid. the rate of weekly benefit must commence at a rate of at least two dollars, and so continue (each time of so being placed back on the sick list,) for one full year, before being dropped to the minimum rate of one dollar per week."

Fraternally submitted in F., L. & T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
LUCIUS H. FULLER,
J. GORDON BALDWIN,

Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted and the amendment to Article IV., Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, was adopted.

Representative Howell, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred recommendation one of the Grand Master on page 1, relative to the division of the State into districts for the visitation by Grand Officers, have had the same under consideration and report as follows:

That we are of the opinion that in a measure this would be a splendid plan if well worked out, but it is. and always has been one of the perogatives that is within the jurisdiction and executive power of the Grand Master; if he desires to district the State for visitation by his subordinate officers, he has full power to do so, and we are of the opinion that each Grand Master can best formulate his own plans for a successful year of his administration, and that he should be perfectly free to act in this matter without any stipulated legislation.

Therefore we deem it inadvisable to take any action at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
A. G. BRECKENRIDGE,
R. C. HENZE,

Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was referred back to the Committee, with instructions to draft a resolution approving the recom-

mendation of the Grand Master, that the Jurisdiction be divided into districts; and that each Lodge in the Jurisdiction be visited by some officer of the Grand Lodge each year.

(The Committee on State of the Order failed to report back to the Grand Lodge.)

On motion the Grand Lodge took a recess from 12:45 noon to 2 P. M.

2:00 P. M.

The Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order. The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor examined the Representatives, and reported all present entitled to sit with us.

The Grand Master declared the session opened for business.

The order of the day, the nomination of officers, was taken up.

The following nominations were made:

For Grand Master, F. Henry Monroe, of No. 86.
For Deputy Grand Master, George M. Chapman, of No. 89.
For Grand Warden, Clarkson N. Fowler, of No. 82; Harry Hirsch, of No. 11; Frank W. Whiton, of No. 93.

Brothers Hirsch and Whiton withdrew their names, but the Representatives insisted that Brother Hirsch allow his name to be balloted on. Brother Hirsch still refused to accept the nomination.

After considerable discussion, Representative Miner A. Worthington, of No. 82, requested permission to withdraw the name of Clarkson N. Fowler, of No. 82, as a candidate for Grand Warden. The request was seconded by Representative Philip Pond, who had placed the name of Brother Fowler in nomination at the request of some of the Representatives of Hartford.

Permission was granted to withdraw the nomination of Brother Fowler.

There being no nominations for the office of Grand Warden, new nominations were called for, and Representative Burrows, P.G.M., of No. 85, nominated Harry Hirsch, of No. 11.

For Grand Warden, Harry Hirsch, of No. 11.
For Grand Secretary, William S. Hutchison, of No. 31.
For Grand Treasurer, Sidney W. Challenger, of No. 99.
For Junior Grand Representative for 1 year, Robert T. W. Adams, of No. 101.

Representative Taylor, P.G.P., of No. 89, on motion submitted the following:

That the incoming Grand Master, and Grand Secretary, if deemed necessary, may employ a stenographer to take the minutes of the annual session.

After considerable discussion, the motion was voted on by the Grand Body, and declared in the negative.

On motion the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers.

The Grand Master appointed Representatives Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M., of No. 6, and Marcus L. Reynolds, P.G.P., of No. 4, as Tellers.

On motion it was voted that as there was but one nomination for each office that Representative Charles B. Ware, Senior Past Grand Master, present at the session, cast the vote of the Grand Lodge for each officer.

Representative Charles B. Ware, Senior Past Grand Master, cast the ballot of the Grand Lodge for the following:

For Grand Master, F. HENRY MONROE, of No. 86.
For Deputy Grand Master, GEORGE M. CHAPMAN, of No. 89.
For Grand Warden, HARRY HIRSCH, of No. 11.
For Grand Secretary, WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON, of No. 31.
For Grand Treasurer, SIDNEY W. CHALLENGER, of No. 99.
For Junior Grand Representative for 1 *year,* ROBERT T. W. ADAMS, of No. 101.

The Grand Master asked the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer-elect if they would accept the elections, and all replied in the affirmative.

Representative Fred W. Reed, P.G., of Relief Lodge, No. 86, I. O. O. F., presented to F. Henry Monroe, Grand Master-

elect, a beautiful bouquet of red roses, extending the congratulations and best wishes of the members of Relief Lodge, No. 86, I. O. O. F., on his election as Grand Master. The Grand Master-elect responded in a neat speech, thanking the brothers of his own Lodge for their gift and good wishes.

F. Henry Monroe, Deputy Grand Master, asked the Junior Grand Representative-elect if he would accept the office, and the Grand Junior Representative-elect replied in the affirmative.

The Tellers, Representatives Blakeman and Reynolds, and Charles B. Ware, Senior Past Grand Master, were discharged with the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

Representative Clark, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted a report on the subject, Lost Rituals, referred to them for consideration.

On motion the report was referred back to the Committee, to strike out all of the resolution instructing the incoming Grand Master, etc.

Representative Clark, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the petition of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, for the reinstatement of William W. Beckwith, have had the same under consideration and report that they at this time are unable to get any definite facts in this case; therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That Uncas Lodge, No. 11, be required to furnish to this Grand Lodge the facts in this case, and good and sufficient reasons why William W. Beckwith should be reinstated by this Grand Body.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
A. G. BRECKENRIDGE,
R. C. HENZE,
Committee on State of the Order.

After considerable discussion, on motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Fuller, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

BONDING OF LODGE OFFICERS.

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as is contained under the sub-heading, "Financial Secretary and Treasurer to Furnish a Bond," respectfully begs leave to report that it has given the subject matter careful consideration. Your Committee is of the opinion that the change would be a desirable one and would be the means of saving money to those Lodges that now contract with surety companies for bonds for their financial officers. Your Committee feels that such bonds should be procured from surety companies by the payment of proper premiums, and that Lodges should no longer continue the practice of accepting bonds from their financial officers with personal surety thereon. as being an improper and unbusinesslike practice.

Your Committee therefore reports and recommends for adoption the following Amendment to the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, as an addition to Article VI.:

Amend Article VI. of Subordinate Lodge Constitution by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 14, as follows:

Bonds for Financial Officers.

Sec. 14. The Grand Secretary shall bond the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer of this Lodge in a surety company authorized to do business in Connecticut and approved by the Executive Council of the Grand Lodge under a schedule bond contract covering all the Lodges in this Jurisdiction under a plan that will bond the official or office and not any particular individual or person, upon such a contract premium rate as shall be approved by the said Executive Council. The said two officers of this Lodge to be bonded each in such a principal amount, not to exceed $1,500 nor to be less than $500 each, as this Lodge in its by-laws may designate. The pro rata share of the premium payment made by the Grand Secretary for said blanket schedule bond contract shall be charged to each Lodge and paid at once by the Lodge to the Grand Secretary annually upon receipt of bill therefor. Each Lodge shall at once adopt a by-law fixing the principal amount of the bond which they wish each for their Financial Secretary and their Treasurer, and notify the Grand Secretary as soon as possible the amount fixed by this Lodge for said two bonds, and any future changes in said by-law or principal amounts are to be at once reported to the Grand Secretary. In case the Grand Secretary receives no information from the Lodge regarding the principal amounts fixed by it for said bonds he shall assume that said amounts are and have bonds issued in the amount of $500 each for each of said offices until such time as contrary information is furnished him by this Lodge.

The following resolution is recommended for adoption:

Resolved, That the above and foregoing amendment to the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges be and the same is hereby adopted as Section 14 of Article VI. thereof to make a new addition to said article and to become effective and full force at once.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY C. STEVENSON,
J. GORDON BALDWIN,
LUCIUS H. FULLER,
Committee on Legislation.

On motion the report was accepted, and laid over until the annual session in 1917 for action.

Representative Stevenson, from the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution for Rebekah Lodges, submitted the following:

REPORT OF REVISION OF REBEKAH LODGE CONSTITUTION.

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Special Committee on the Revision of the Rebekah Lodge Constitution, appointed under authority of the vote of the Grand Lodge at the Session of 1915, directing a revision of the Rebekah Lodge Constitution, pursuant to the recommendation of the Grand Master contained in his report made to the May, 1915, Session of this Grand Lodge, begs leave to report that it has given careful attention to the duties for which this Committee was raised, and has made a scrutiny and study of the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge bearing upon Rebekah Lodges. The last revision of the Rebekah Lodge Constitution in this State was adopted in 1896, twenty years ago. Many changes have since been made in minor details in the laws relative to Rebekah Lodges. Some important new laws have been enacted; such as the Non-contributing Membership Law, the Transfer of Membership Law, and the Contingent Fund Law.

Your Committee has drafted a form of revision of the Rebekah Lodge Constitution, which is herewith respectfully submitted below for your consideration, with the recommendation from your Committee that the same be adopted as the Rebekah Lodge Constitution for this Jurisdiction:—

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.
REBEKAH LODGE CONSTITUTION.
PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of effecting uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors, and benefits of Odd Fellowship within this Jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Connecticut ordains the following Constitution for the Rebekah Lodges within its Jurisdiction:

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES.

The objects and purposes of Rebekah Lodges are:

1st. To aid in the establishment and maintenance of homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their wives, and for the widows of

deceased Odd Fellows; and homes for the care, education, and support of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows, and of deceased sisters of the Rebekah Degree.

2nd. To visit and care for the sick, to relieve the distressed, to bury the dead, and in every way to assist their own members, and to assist Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges in kindly ministrations to the families of Odd Fellows when in trouble, sickness, or want.

3rd. To cultivate and extend the social fraternal relations of life among Lodges and the families of Odd Fellows.

ARTICLE I.

BY-LAWS, SEAL, AND CHARTER.

Charter Applicants.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall be constituted by at least five members, irrespective of sex except that at least one-half of the applicants for a charter shall be females, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, and shall be hailed and entitled.....Rebekah Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F., holding a legal, unreclaimed, and valid charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Seal.

SEC. 2. This Lodge shall have a seal, bearing the legal designation *"Rebekah Lodge,"* adapted to making embossed impressions upon paper, and all official instruments and communications shall be so sealed therewith. The seal shall not be used to impress more than one thickness of paper at the same time. When a seal is adopted, or when any change or alteration is made therein, a fair impression thereof shall at once be transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

By-Laws.

SEC. 3. This Lodge shall stand fully invested with power to adopt such By-Laws, resolutions, and rules of order, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in any wise conflict with any part of these Articles, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, or the principles of the Order. On the adoption of any By-Laws, or amendment to a By-Law, duplicate copies, properly authenticated by the seal of the Lodge, and attested by the Secretary, shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary for examination by the Legislative Committee, and shall not be in force unless approved by said Committee; nor shall any By-Law, or amendment thereof, be adopted unless the same has been submitted to the Lodge, in writing, at a previous regular meeting previous to action being taken, and recorded at length in the minutes. It shall be lawful, when a proposed amendment to the By-Laws has been regularly submitted, to amend the same while under consideration, in any manner the Lodge may

determine, not in violation of this Constitution or the laws of the Order.

ARTICLE II.

TERMS, SESSIONS, AND QUORUM.

Regular Sessions.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall hold one or more regular sessions in each month, on such evenings and at such hours as may be specified in the By-Laws. The Lodge may open and close the sessions with prayer, as laid down in the Ritual. The regular day or time of meeting cannot be altered by dispensation. Meetings occurring on legal holidays may be by vote omitted; and if a legal holiday occurs on the last meeting night in the term and such meeting is by vote omitted, the elections shall occur at the preceding meeting.

Special Sessions.

SEC. 2. Special sessions may be called by the Noble Grand, at option, and such sessions shall be called on the written request of five or more members, at which no business shall be transacted except that specified in the notice; and every member must be notified by written or printed circulars, by mail; *providing,* that, if said Lodge is situated in a town in which a daily newspaper is published, a notice of said special meeting inserted at least twenty-four hours previous to the time of meeting shall be deemed a sufficient notice thereof. At special meetings no applications for membership shall be received or acted upon.

QUORUM.

SEC. 3. Five members of this Lodge, including one lawfully qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Regular Term.

SEC. 4. The regular annual term, of fifty-two weeks, shall commence on the first session in January, and shall end on the day the succeeding one commences.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Elective Officers.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Lodge shall consist of a N.G., V.G., Secretary (or, if the By-Laws so provide, a Recording Secretary and a Financial Secretary), and a Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each; and a Board of Trustees as provided for in Article V. hereof.

Appointed Officers.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall consist of a W., C., O.G., I.G., R.S.N.G., L.S.N.G., and a Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the

N.G., and a R.S.V.G., and a L.S.V.G., who shall be appointed by the V.G., who shall serve a regular term each.

Qualifications for Office.

SEC. 3. Any member of the Lodge in good standing shall be eligible to any office, except that no member shall be eligible to the office of Noble Grand unless previous service of a term, or the last of a term to fill a vacancy, is shown in the office of Vice-Grand in a Rebekah Lodge, and no member shall be eligible to the office of Vice-Grand unless one term of previous service is shown in some office other than that of Trustee. But any member in good standing may be elected Noble Grand or Vice-Grand of a new or revived Lodge or to fill a vacancy during the first term of such new or revived Lodge; and in case of the office of Noble Grand or Vice-Grand, if all qualified members refuse to accept such office, the Lodge may elect any member thereto; *provided,* that a dispensation for the purpose be obtained from the Grand Master before the election of such officer. A District Deputy shall be eligible to hold any office in her own Subordinate Lodge.

Nomination of Officers.

SEC. 4. Nominations for the elective offices may be made at either of the two regular meetings immediately preceding that of the election.

Election of Officers.

SEC. 5. The elective officers of this Lodge shall be chosen separately, by a majority of written or printed ballots, at the last regular session in the term. Should no candidate receive a majority of the votes cast, the balloting shall be continued, and any qualified member who may receive a majority of the ballots shall be entitled to the office, whether previously nominated or not; and all ballots, including blanks, shall be counted.

Vacancies may be filled at any regular session, by the election of duly qualified members, and officers so elected, and serving the residue of the term, shall be entitled to the full honors of the office to which they were elected.

Installation.

SEC. 6. The installation of the officers shall take place at the first regular session in the term, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Absence, Resignation, Removal, and Honors.

SEC. 7. Any officer who is absent for three successive meetings, except in case of sickness, shall thereby forfeit the office, unless excused by the Lodge; and the Lodge, by a two-thirds vote, may declare the chair vacant. It is hereby expressly provided that officers must serve a majority of the nights of a term and to the end of the term, unless prevented by sickness, except when elected to fill a vacancy, to entitle them to the honors of such office; and should any officers resign

at any time during the term for which they were installed, they shall not be entitled to the honors thereof. Any officer may, after charges preferred at one regular meeting, due notice, and trial at some later regular meeting, be removed from office for incompetency, or neglect, or official misconduct, by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Duties of the Noble Grand.

SECTION 1. It shall the duty of the N.G. to preside in the Lodge, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and Laws, and a proper respect for the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut; to see that all officers of the Lodge, and members of committees, perform their respective duties, as enjoined by the several charges and these laws; to appoint all officers and committees not otherwise provided for; to give the casting vote on all matters or questions before the Lodge, but in the election of officers and members shall be entitled to one vote; to inspect and announce the result of all ballotings or other votes; to have charge of the charter, which must always be in the Lodge while in session; to draw upon the Treasurer for all sums that have been voted by the Lodge; and to perform such other duties as appertain to the office; and shall not make or second any motion, neither take part in any debate, while in the chair.

Duties of Vice-Grand.

SEC. 2. The V.G. shall assist the N.G. in presiding in the Lodge; shall appoint the Supporters to the V.G., and have special charge of the door, under the N.G. In case of the absence of the N.G., the V.G. shall preside, or appoint some competent person to preside, and perform all other duties required by the charges and usages of the Order.

Duties of the Recording Secretary.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the Lodge proceedings; shall write all communications, fill up all certificates and cards granted by the Lodge, issue all summonses or notices required, and attest to all moneys ordered to be paid at regular meetings, and none other. She shall furnish to the Recording Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge to which any member of this Lodge belongs a list of the members of this Lodge who are also members of said Subordinate Lodge, and thereafter notify the Subordinate Lodge whenever any member thereof becomes a member of this Lodge. When an applicant for initiation has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all Lodges whose place of meeting is within ten miles of this Lodge.

Duties of Financial Secretary.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members, enter all

charges as they become due, and credit all amounts paid, giving a receipt for all moneys received, and immediately pay the same to the Treasurer, taking a receipt therefor; shall report to the N. G. the names of all members who are one year in arrears, and at the close of the term, make out for the Grand Lodge a full return of the condition of the Lodge, and submit a statement of all moneys received and paid to the Treasurer, and deliver to the newly installed Financial Secretary, or to any committee the Lodge may appoint, all books, papers, or other property appertaining to the office.

In case only one Secretary is elected, and installed, she or he shall perform the duties specified or implied in both this and the preceding section.

Duties of Treasurer.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall receipt for all moneys received as Lodge funds, keep a full and correct account of the receipts and expenditures, and shall limit the surplus funds to such amount as the By-Laws may specify, by paying the excess to such Trustees as the Lodge may elect, and shall pay all orders drawn by the N. G., attested by the Secretary, for such purposes as the By-Laws may provide, and such bills as may be approved by the Finance Committee and ordered paid by the Lodge, and, at the last meeting in the term (or oftener, if the By-Laws so provide) submit a detailed report of receipts and expenditures, and have the books written up for examination by the Finance Committee prior to the commencement of the succeeding term, and shall deliver all moneys, books, papers, etc., belonging to the Lodge, to a successor in office, or to any committee whom the Lodge may specially authorize to receive them.

Duties of the Warden.

Sec. 6. The Warden shall superintend the balloting, and shall canvass all votes on motions and resolutions, when required by the N. G. so to do; shall be the messenger of the Lodge, have charge of the regalia, and perform such other duties as are prescribed in the charge of the office.

Sec. 7. The Conductor and other appointed officers shall perform such duties as are prescribed for them by the general regulations, and the charges of their respective offices.

ARTICLE V.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Duties of Trustees.

Section 1. At the last regular session in December of each year, there shall be elected, by a majority vote, three or more members of this Lodge, who shall be denominated Trustees of the Funds of .....Rebekah Lodge, No..... I. O. O. F., who

shall hold in trust all its funds, stocks, and securities. They shall deposit, exchange, or transfer the same, or any part thereof, when required so to do by a two-thirds vote of the Lodge. Said Trustees shall deposit in some reliable trust or banking company, or invest in such manner as the Lodge may direct, all moneys they may receive from the Treasurer, or otherwise, belonging to the Lodge; and whenever directed by a two-thirds vote, they shall withdraw so much of the amount so deposited or invested as may be expressed in the vote, and pay the same immediately to the Treasurer, taking a receipt therefor. It is hereby made the duty of said Trustees, as soon as practicable after the deposit or investment of any funds, or the withdrawal of such deposits or investments of said funds, to render an account in writing, in order that the transaction may appear on the records; and they shall submit a detailed report of the financial condition of the Lodge at the close of the term including therein a complete inventory of all Lodge property. Either of said Trustees, for non-performance of duty or for misconduct, may, after due trial, be removed from office by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting. The Lodge may if it prefers, arrange that one shall be elected alternately each to serve for three years, so that the Board will be a continuing body.

ARTICLE VI.

MEMBERSHIP.

Qualifications.

Sec. 1. The persons herein specified shall be eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge of this Order, subject to the laws relative to residence of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; and conditioned further, that all women applicants shall be white women who have attained the age of eighteen years, (except that the said age limit shall not apply to applicants who are the wives of Odd Fellows) who believe in a Supreme, Intelligent Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and who are of good moral character, and that no saloonkeeper, bartender, or professional gambler shall be eligible:

First: All persons who have received the Rebekah Degree;

Second: All Odd Fellows in good standing, their wives, daughters, sisters, and mothers. Also the daughters, sisters, and mothers of deceased Odd Fellows who at the time of their death were members of the Order in good standing;

Third: All unmarried white women.

Use of Black Ball.

Sec. 2. The Black Ball should only be used to keep out unworthy applicants. It is improper and unlawful for a Lodge to refuse to receive the application of an unmarried white woman who is not the relative of an Odd Fellow, and it is unlawful to use the Black Ball to

keep out such a worthy applicant who happens not to be the relative of an Odd Fellow.

A Sister's Rights.

Sec. 3. A sister in a Rebekah Lodge shall not lose her membership by the operation of any rule not alike applicable to Brothers.

Requirements of a Brother Member.

Sec. 4. A Brother's membership in this Lodge is dependent on continuous good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, except that if a Brother shall take a withdrawal card from a Subordinate Lodge of which he may be a member, his membership in this Lodge shall not be affected thereby for one year from the date of said Withdrawal Card, if during that time he shall keep his dues paid up in this Lodge, and if he shall during said year become a member of another Lodge by deposit of said card his membership shall not be affected by the taking of the card.

Fee.

Sec. 5. The fee for admission, either by initiation or by deposit of card, must accompany the petition, and should the application be rejected, the amount shall be returned. The fee for initiation shall not be less than one dollar.

Place.

Sec. 6. Candidates for membership may be admitted either in the town where they reside or in a Lodge in an adjoining town, if the Lodge in said adjoining town is nearer or more convenient to their residence. The degree must be conferred by the Lodge to which the candidate is elected. Any Lodge taking in members who belong to the Jurisdiction of other Lodges, without permission, shall immediately upon the knowledge thereof pay to the wronged Lodge the initiation fee received from such member, and shall also pay upon demand all dues received while he or she shall retain his or her membership. No person shall be initiated in this Lodge who resides in any other town of this State where a Lodge or Lodges exist, without an official permit from some Lodge in said town waiving jurisdiction. A person living in a town in this State where there is no Lodge may be eligible for membership in any Lodge in the State. Citizens and residents of other States are not eligible without a permit from the Grand Master.

Applications.

Sec. 7. Applications for membership must be in accordance with the Form of Application as herein specified, and Brothers' applications must be accompanied by a certificate from the Subordinate Lodge to which the Brother belongs, stating that he is duly qualified. Every candidate must be proposed by a member of the Lodge, who must personally sign the proposition as recommender.

Form of Application.

(Town)....., (Date).....191...

To the officers and Members of.....Rebekah Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

I,....., approving the principles and the general work and practices of your Lodge, and the provisions of your Constitution and By-Laws, have requested.....to propose me as a candidate for admission into your Lodge by..... My place of residence is..... My age is.....years. I was born at....., on....., 18... My health is good. I have.....applied for admission to a Lodge of this Rebekah Degree.

I have.....received the Rebekah Degree.

I refer you to.....and.....

....., Candidate.

(Applicant must personally, himself or herself, sign this application.)

Proposition.

Being personally acquainted with the above-named applicant, I hereby propose.....for admission into this Lodge.

....., Recommender.

Report.

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To the Officers and Members of.....Rebekah Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of..... to become a member of this Lodge, have attended to their duties and recommend that.....be admitted.....

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Investigating Committee.

(Should the Committee be satisfied that there are Constitutional objections to the petitioner, they should state what they are in their report, after the word "admitted.")

Recommender.

No member shall recommend a person for membership unless he or she is personally well acquainted with the candidate and believes him or her worthy of admission; and any member violating this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be expelled from the Order.

Investigation, Report, and Ballot.

Sec. 8. The application shall be received and read at a Regular meeting and recorded, and then be referred to an Investigating Com-

mittee of three members of this Lodge, (two of whom shall be appointed by the N. G. and one by the V. G.) who shall severally, carefully inquire as to the health, character, and standing of the petitioner, and make a faithful, written report at the *next regular* meeting, unless, by request of the Committee, the Lodge shall grant further time.

When the report shall have been submitted to the Lodge at the *next regular* meeting, the candidates shall then be balloted for with ball ballots, and if not more than two black balls are cast, the candidate shall be declared elected, otherwise the candidate shall be declared rejected; and in all cases not less than a quorum of the Lodge must have voted to constitute a legal ballot. In balloting, the ballot-box shall be placed on a stand in the center of the hall in full view of the N. G.

Declaring a Ballot Void.

Sec. 9. Should the Lodge elect a candidate to membership, and prior to admission become satisfied that said candidate is unworthy, it shall be competent for the Lodge to annul such election, and declare it void by a *two-thirds* vote of the members present, Provided that, notice of such proposed action has been given previously; and the Lodge shall then proceed to a new ballot, as provided in Section 8 above of this Article.

Re-consideration of Ballot.

Sec. 10. A re-consideration of a ballot is inadmissible, except when all the members who may have cast black balls against an applicant for membership voluntarily make a motion for a re-consideration of the ballot; and in such case the vote on the re-consideration shall be by ball ballot; and if all the votes be favorable (white) the re-consideration shall be had.

The application shall then lie upon the table until the next *regular meeting,* when another ballot shall be had with ball ballots; and if not more than two black balls appear, the applicant shall thereby be elected; but if three black balls appear in either ballot, the application shall be rejected; and in no instance shall more than one re-consideration in the same case be allowed; *and provided, always, that such re-consideration shall be had within the four meeting-nights next succeeding the rejection.*

Application on Withdrawal Card.

Sec. 11. A member of a Rebekah Lodge holding a Withdrawal Card from any Lodge of this Degree, and desiring to become a member, shall present a petition therefor, as provided for other applicants by Section 7 of this Article, which shall be disposed of in the manner specified in Section 8 of this Article. A fee of not less than one dollar must accompany this application.

Application of Rejected Candidates.

SEC. 12. No petition shall be received from any rejected candidate in this, or any other Lodge, for six months after such rejection.

Reinstatement Within One Year.

SEC. 13. Any member of this Lodge who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, may, within one year after suspension, be reinstated on paying the amount of one year's dues, and complying with the provisions of Section 7 of this Article, prescribed for other applicants. The application shall be disposed of as expressed in Section 8 of this Article.

Reinstatement After One Year.

SEC. 14. After one year from the date of suspension, a member of this Lodge, suspended for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, as prescribed by the By-Laws, provided that such sum shall not be less than the amount of one year's dues.

Applications, accompanied with the requisite fee, must be made in the form prescribed for other applicants, and shall be disposed of as provided in Section 8 of this Article.

Reinstatement of Expelled Members.

SEC. 15. A member who has been expelled, and desires to be reinstated, shall present a petition therefor as provided in Section 7 of this Article, which shall be referred to a Committee of three, as in the case of other applicants, who shall inform themselves as to the *present* character and standing and health of the applicant, and report as soon as practicable. On the reception of the report, a ball ballot shall be had on the question, *"Shall application be made to the Grand Lodge for permission to reinstate the applicant?"* and if two-thirds of the ballots be in the affirmative, such application shall be made. At the *next regular* meeting after the receipt of permission from the Grand Lodge to reinstate the member, a ballot shall be taken on the application for reinstatement; and if not more than two black balls appear, the member shall be reinstated.

Withdrawing Application.

SEC. 16. An application for membership may be withdrawn by permission of the Lodge *before* the report of the Committee thereon is read to the Lodge, but not after.

Non-Appearance of Applicant.

SEC. 17. If a candidate fails to present himself or herself for initiation or membership for three months after being notified, said election shall be null and void, unless by unanimous vote, by ball ballot (all white), the Lodge shall determine otherwise.

Commencement of Membership.

SEC. 18. Membership in this Lodge shall commence when the applicant signs the Constitution; and dues shall be charged from that time. No one can be considered a member until the initiation fee has been paid and Constitution signed.

Non-Contributing Members.

SEC. 19. After a member of a Rebekah Lodge has become sixty years of age and has been a contributing member for twenty-five consecutive years, his or her name shall not be dropped from the Roll by virtue of his or her being more than one year in arrears for non-payment of dues, but he or she shall be retained as a non-contributing member and as such shall be entitled to the Pass Words and Fellowship of Lodges and shall have all the privileges of active members, and the Rebekah Lodge shall not be compelled to pay *per capita* tax on such members.

A non-contributing member of a Rebekah Lodge may be reinstated in the manner provided for Reinstatement of Members suspended for non-payment of dues.

Transfer of Membership.

SEC. 20. For provisions relating to a Transfer of Membership from one Lodge to another, see Section 8, of Article IX. of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.

DUES.

Minimum Rate One Dollar.

SEC. 1. The regular dues to this Lodge shall not be at a less rate than one dollar per year; the amount to be specified in the By-Laws.

Penalty for Non-Payment.

SEC. 2. Any members of this Lodge who are in arrears for more than thirteen weeks are not entitled to the term Pass Word, or to vote in the Lodge, but are contributing members until suspended, and shall be entitled to visit their own Lodge. The Lodge shall not refuse to receive in full or in part the dues of members prior to their suspension, and no member shall be suspended for non-payment of dues unless at the time of their suspension they shall be indebted to the Lodge for one year's dues; but when members shall be liable to suspension by being in arrears for dues for the space of one year, they shall be notified at least four weeks previous to action being taken, of their indebtedness, and the pendency of such action, and the Secretary shall, on the expiration of the notice, and the arrearages being still unpaid, report the same to the Noble Grand in open Lodge; and such members shall on motion by vote be suspended and a record thereof shall be

made upon the minutes. The vote whereby a member has been suspended for non-payment of dues shall not be reconsidered.

ARTICLE VIII.

VOTING AND BALLOTING.

Use of Black Ball.

SEC. 1. Voting in this Lodge shall be as follows: Upon admission or reinstatement of members votes shall be by ball ballot and not less than three black balls shall be required to reject. Upon granting of Withdrawal Cards, upon sustaining charges, and upon inflicting penalties, votes shall also be ball ballots. In electing officers votes shall be by ballot. Votes in all other cases shall be *viva voce.* As to use of Black Ball, see Section 2 of Article VI., hereof.

ARTICLE IX.

CARDS AND CERTIFICATES.

Visiting Cards.

SEC. 1. Any member of this Lodge in good standing on making application for a Visiting Card, either personally or otherwise, shall be entitled to the same, by paying the dues one year in advance and up to the time for which it is granted, including such fee for the card, if any, as may be specified in the By-Laws. A Visiting Card cannot be granted for a longer time than one year.

Withdrawal Cards.

SEC. 2. Any member of this Lodge desiring a Withdrawal Card shall make application therefor, either personally or in writing; and if free from all charges, and not indebted to the Lodge, the card may be granted upon the payment of the price of the card and dues to the date of issue and upon a majority vote of the number present; the vote to be taken by ball ballot.

Reinstatement for Withdrawal Card.

SEC. 3. A member of this Lodge who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who shall make application for reinstatement and a Withdrawal Card *for the purpose of uniting with another Lodge in this Jurisdiction,* may be reinstated and granted a Withdrawal Card at any time within five years from the date of suspension, upon the payment of one year's dues and the usual price of the card.

Dismissal Certificates.

SEC. 4. Any member of this Lodge suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues may, upon application and the payment of one dollar, receive a Dismissal Certificate; and it shall be granted without vote.

Transfer Certificates.

SEC. 5. A member in possession of an Official Certificate or Visiting Card, changing residence from the Jurisdiction of one Lodge to the Jurisdiction of another and desiring to unite with the lodge at the new place of residence, upon making application for membership, accompanied by a fee of twenty-five cents and by the Official Certificate or Visiting Card showing dues paid in advance for at least four weeks of date of application, and being elected as provided by local law, upon notice being sent by the Secretary to the former lodge, accompanied by said 25 cents, said lodge shall, unless charges are pending, without ballot issue a Transfer Certificate and send the same at once to the secretary sending the same; and upon the receipt of Transfer Certificate the member shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and become a member of the new lodge without the payment of any admission fee; provided that, if a physician's certificate is required the applicant must pay the expense of same. The secretary of the new lodge shall immediately report, to the secretary of the former lodge which issued the Transfer Certificate, the date of the signing of the Constitution of the new lodge of which a record thereof shall be made, and the old lodge shall refund to the member all dues paid in advance of the date of the signing the Constitution of the new Lodge. The issuance of a Transfer Certificate shall sever membership in the lodge issuing it. If a member fails to sign the Constitution of the new lodge within three months after the date of election, the Transfer Certificate shall be cancelled and returned to the lodge issuing the same and the member shall hold the same standing in his old lodge as though the Transfer Certificate had not been issued.

Certificates of Resignation.

SEC. 6. Upon payment of all dues and not being otherwise disqualified, a member may tender a written resignation and be entitled to receive from the Secretary under seal a certificate that he or she has resigned membership while in good standing, upon the payment of such fee for said certificate as the by-laws prescribe.

Annulling Cards.

SEC. 7. This lodge has power to recall or annul, for good cause, any card granted by it.

ARTICLE X.

TERM REPORTS AND FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

Term Reports.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary annually, previous to the installation of their successors, a report of the work for the term in accordance with the blanks furnished by the Grand Secretary, and authenticate the same by

their signatures and the seal of the Lodge. Refusing or neglecting to comply with the requirements of this Section before the 20th of January each year will subject the Lodge to a fine of five dollars a week for each week of such delinquency from and after said January 20th.

Forfeiture or Surrender of Charter.

SEC. 2. Should this Lodge fail to hold its meetings or to make the report as required by Section 1 of this Article, for thirty days, it shall thereby forfeit its charter and become extinct; and it shall become the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master (or such other Brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge to receive them) the charter, books, papers, furniture, property, and funds of this Lodge.

This Lodge cannot voluntarily surrender its charter or dissolve so long as five members in good standing desire to retain such charter.

ARTICLE XI.

FINANCES.

Funds and Property Not to Be Divided.

SECTION 1. The funds, property, and income of this Lodge having been raised for the purpose of relieving sick and distressed members, and other charitable uses in the Order, are not to be divided in any manner among the members, but shall remain, for their legitimate purposes, the property of the Lodge, so long as its charter is unclaimed, and five members remain in good standing in the Lodge.

Funds Not to Be Misappropriated.

SEC. 2. This Lodge shall not appropriate any of its funds from its treasury for the payment of the expenses of any parade, excursion, ball, picnic, etc., nor for the hire of music on any occasion, except the celebration of the anniversary of the Order on the 26th of April and the anniversary of the institution of the Rebekah Degree on the 20th day of September. The provisions of this Section shall not be so construed as to prohibit the appropriation of money received from special sources, for any of the purposes named, provided such money has not been previously paid into the treasury as Lodge funds.

Contingent Fund.

SEC. 3. This Lodge is authorized to set aside 10 per cent. of its receipts from dues, for a Contingent Fund, to be expended for any purpose tending to promote the interests and objects of Odd Fellowship; but not for donations or for subscriptions for public uses.

Per Capita Tax.

SEC. 4. This Lodge shall pay the *Per Capita* tax levied for the support of the Rebekah State Assembly and approved by the Grand

Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut. No Lodge shall be entitled to the password while in arrears for the *Per Capita* tax.

No Sick or Funeral Benefits.

SEC. 5. No Rebekah Lodge shall be allowed to pay sick or funeral benefits.

ARTICLE XII.

PENALTIES, TRIALS, AND APPEALS.

Penalties.

SEC. 1. Any member who shall violate any of the principles or laws of the Order, or offend against the Constitution or By-laws of this Lodge, shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct or the Lodge determine.

Entitled to Trial.

SEC. 2. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offense (except non-payment of dues), involving fine, reprimand, suspension, or expulsion. No member shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying the offense, so as to fully apprise the nature thereof, to enable to prepare defense, shall be submitted to the Lodge in writing, and signed by two or more members of the Lodge.

Trial Committee.

SEC. 3. When charges have been preferred against a member in proper form, they shall be referred to a Special Committee of five members; and they shall, without unnecessary delay, summon the parties and proceed to the investigation of the offense or offenses charged.

Trial Notice.

SEC. 4. When charges have been preferred against a member, in regular form, a copy thereof, together with a summons and a notice of the time and place of meeting of the committee appointed to investigate the same, shall be served, at least two weeks before trial, upon the accused member, or left in a sealed wrapper, legibly addressed to him or her on the outside, at his or her residence, or where he or she was last known to reside, if within the town where the Lodge is located. If he or she is absent from or resides out of town, then they shall be directed to him or her to his or her proper address, if it be known; if not, to the last place where he or she was known to reside, and left at the Post Office in a registered letter, postage prepaid. And a certificate of the time and manner of service shall be made by the member serving the copy of notice, which shall be filed with, and become one of, the papers in the case.

Contempts.

Sec. 5. If the accused after actual, personal receipt of notice, refuses or neglects to appear and stand trial at the time and place designated, the committee shall report him or her guilty of contempt of the Lodge, which report shall be conclusive, and the punishment shall be expulsion.

Trial.

Sec. 6. At the time and place appointed the committee shall meet and try the case. They may at their discretion during the trial adjourn to another time or place. They shall keep full minutes of the evidence and of their proceedings, and report the same to the Lodge with their verdict. If a witness be a member of the Order, he or she shall give his evidence on the honor of one who has received the Rebekah Degree; if he or she be not a member, then on oath or affirmation; and the minutes must state that such obligation or oath was administered. The accused may appear by counsel but the counsel must be an Odd Fellow in good standing. At the conclusion of the trial the committee shall make a full report to the Lodge, including the facts as found by them, and give their verdict in the matter, stating whether or not, in their judgment, the charges have in whole or in part been sustained, and if in part, in what part. And if the committee find that an offense charged has been committed, which is cognizable by the Order, and are convinced of the necessity of fining, reprimanding, suspending, or expelling the member, they shall submit a motion in writing, in connection with their report, for that purpose, to the Lodge for action.

Bill of Exceptions.

Sec. 7. Upon the report being made, notice thereof shall forthwith be given, by the Secretary, to the party against whom the verdict is rendered, and he or she shall have two weeks in which to file exceptions with the Secretary. If a Bill of Exceptions to the report of the Committee or to any of the proceedings in the case is filed, the Lodge at the next regular session, shall consider and determine its merits; and if the Lodge sustains the exceptions, it may refer the whole subject back to the same or another committee, or may grant a new trial.

Action of Lodge.

Sec. 8. If no exceptions are filed within the two weeks, or if exceptions are filed and are not considered well taken, the Lodge shall proceed to determine by paper ballot, whether the implicated member be present or not, first to pronounce its judgment in the nature of a verdict, and second, if they pronounce the member guilty, to affix the penalty. During the ballots the accused shall withdraw from the Lodge-room. The Lodge shall be fully competent to vary the penalty from that recommended by the committee. A vote of two-thirds of

the members present shall be necessary to expel or suspend, but a majority vote shall be sufficient to determine a fine or reprimand. If the Lodge shall determine to suspend the member, it shall immdiately proceed to fix the duration of suspension, the vote being taken upon the various times proposed in the Order of their length (first upon the longest time, etc.), until two-thirds of the members present agree upon the time.

Accused's Appeal to Grand Lodge.

Sec. 9. An appeal from the judgment of the Lodge, for any informality or want of fairness, may be taken in writing by the accused, at any time within four weeks after knowledge thereof to the Grand Lodge, and if no such appeal is taken the judgment of the Lodge shall be final. An appeal shall not be considered taken until written notice thereof, stating the grounds of such appeal, has been served upon the Lodge. When an appeal has been taken the Secretary shall forthwith forward to the Grand Secretary a full and accurate copy of the charges, minutes, and report of the committee, a transcript from the Lodge records of all the votes and actions of the Lodge bearing upon the matter, and copies of any and all documents and papers of whatsoever kind, in possession of the Lodge, which have had any connection with the proceedings.

New Trial.

Sec. 10. If the Grand Lodge, upon appeal, direct a new trial, the Lodge shall begin anew as in case of new charges; and on the new trial any directions or instructions of the Grand Lodge shall be faithfully heeded.

Reprimand.

Sec. 11. When a member shall be subject to the penalty of reprimand, he or she shall be summoned to attend at some regular meeting, to be fixed by the Lodge, to be reprimanded from the chair of the N.G.; and until he or she so attend and be reprimanded, he or she shall be suspended from all the benefits and privileges of membrship.

Notice to Other Lodges.

Sec. 12. Any member having been suspended (except for non-payment of dues), or expelled, notice thereof shall be sent to all Lodges in this District and to the Grand Secretary.

Members Under Charges.

Sec. 13. A member under charges shall not be entitled to a card, or if he or she has one it may be revoked during the pendency of the charges. An officer under charges shall be disqualified from performing any official duty which has any relation to the charges.

Other Appeals of Various Matters.

Sec. 14. Any member believing that any action of this Lodge is contrary to the laws of the Order, or to the Laws of the Grand Lodge,

or to the Constitution or By-Laws of this Lodge, may, within four weeks thereafter present to the Lodge a written appeal from such action to the D.D.G.M. of the District, stating the action appealed from and the grounds of appeal, which shall be entered in full upon the records of the Lodge and placed on file; whereupon the Secretary shall, without delay, transmit to that officer a certified copy of the records of the Lodge, under seal, and all papers referring to the appeal, with an account of said action, and the Lodge shall await the D.D.G.M.'s decision thereon, which shall be rendered in writing, with a return of all papers, at the next regular meeting.

When the decision has been rendered, the Lodge, or any member thereof, may appeal therefrom to the Grand Master within four weeks, whereupon the Secretary shall, without delay, transmit to that officer a like certified copy and account of said action, and the decision of the D.D.G.M. thereon, and the Lodge shall await the decision of the Grand Master, which shall be binding upon the Lodge until the next regular session of the Grand Lodge, and thereafter unless the decision of the Grand Master is reversed or qualified by the Grand Lodge.

After a decision from the Grand Master has been received by the Lodge, the Lodge, or any member thereof, may appeal therefrom to the next regular session of the Grand Lodge, by sending to the Grand Master written notice of such appeal, and if the appellant be a member only, by notifying the Secretary of the Lodge. When such an appeal from the Grand Master is taken, he will present the papers upon which his decision is rendered to the Grand Lodge, together with his decision, for their action.

In case there shall be no D.D.G.M. of this district, or in case of his absence from the district, the appeal from the Lodge may, in the first instance, be made directly to the Grand Master. When an appeal is taken to the D.D.G.M., or to the Grand Master, the member making the appeal, or the Lodge, may prepare and transmit to the officer to whom the appeal is taken in the form of a letter, an argument upon the questions of law involved in the appeal.

This section shall have no reference to questions arising upon trials and actions of Lodges on charges which are governed by the prior sections of this same Article..

ARTICLE XIII.

DISPENSATIONS FOR ENTERTAINMENTS, ETC.

Public Procession.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall have no public procession without permission from the Grand Master, unless to attend the funeral of a member.

Whenever this Lodge may desire to hold a procession in full regalia (except to attend the funeral of a member), application shall be made

through the D.D.G.M., to the Grand Master for permission *provided* two-thirds of the members present at a *regular* meeting shall have voted in favor thereof.

Entertainment, Celebrations, Etc.

SEC. 2. This Lodge shall hold no public anniversary or other celebration, ball, or party, where the regalia of the Order may be worn, or the name of the Order assumed, without the consent through the D.D. G.M. of the President of the Rebekah State Assembly first obtained in writing, such permission to be predicated only upon the direct promise, through the officers of the Lodge, that no intoxicating beverages of any kind shall be used on the occasion, nor any raffles or lotteries allowed, and all applications for such purposes shall be in the following form:

Application for Dispensation.

To the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge or the President of the Rebekah State Assembly, I. O. O. F.:

..... Rebekah Lodge, No. ....., desires to hold a

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on the ..... of ..... 19.....; and respectfully asks your consent thereto.

And we hereby promise that no intoxicating beverages of any kind shall be used on said occasion, nor will we resort to any schemes of raffles, lotteries, or gift enterprises, or schemes of hazard or chance of any kind, as a means to raise funds for any purpose of relief or assistance to our Lodge or to individual members.

Fraternally yours,

..... N. G.

..... Sec'y.

(LODGE)
(SEAL)

ARTICLE XIV.

OF THIS REBEKAH CONSTITUTION.

Interpretation.

SECTION 1. When any doubt arises as to the true meaning of any part of these Articles, it shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. This Lodge shall not alter, amend, suspend, or annul these Articles, nor any part thereof; the Grand Lodge only having power so to do.

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WHEREFORE your Committee submits the following resolution and recommends its adoption:—

Resolved, That the foregoing Revision of Rebekah Lodge Constitution be and the same is hereby adopted to be in force from this time; and that all prior revisions or amendments of the Rebekah Lodge Constitution for this Jurisdiction are hereby rescinded, revoked, and annulled from this day and the foregoing Revision substituted therefor.

Respectfully submitted in F., L. & T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON, *Chairman,*

for the Special Committee on Revision of Rebekah Lodge Constitution.

Moved to amend Section 3, Article III., by striking out the word "not" in the last paragraph of said section.

On motion the amendment was adopted.

The report of the committee as amended was then adopted by the Grand Body.

Representative Howell, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on State of the Order. to whom was referred suggestion three of the Grand Master on page 2, that a new charter be granted to Thames Lodge, No. 22, to replace the one destroyed by fire December 4, 1915, and that the price of six new Rituals be returned to them, report as follows:

That a new charter be given them, but that the matter of returning to them the price of six Rituals be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
A. G. BRECKENRIDGE,
R. C. HENZE,

Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Howell, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on State of the Order. to whom was referred the preamble and resolution concerning an Infirmary Auxiliary, have had the same under consideration and report as follows:

While it is a pleasure to note the interest displayed by the Rebekahs of this Jurisdiction in this much-needed addition to the Home, and appreciating this valuable assistance toward the ultimate success in establishing an infirmary, we do not deem it advisable at this time to recommend any change in the by-laws of the Home Corporation, be-

lieving it for the best interest to await for future and more matured plans.

We therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That permission be given the Rebekah Assembly, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, to appoint a committee of three to raise a fund to the amount of $15,000, to be known as "The Infirmary Fund," and to hold all such moneys in trust until such time as it is deemed advisable to erect said infirmary.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL.
A. G. BRECKEKNRIDGE,
R. C. HENZE,
F. F. CLARK,

Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

Representative Howell, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on State of the Order, having had the annual reports of the Rebekah Lodges under consideration and examination, report that we find these reports correct, and we take special pleasure in congratulating this branch of the Order on their activity and gains for the year, the total membership according to the reports now being 9,038.

The five largest Lodges show membership as follows: No. 4, 569; No. 18. 513; No. 6, 284; No. 39, 258; No. 25, 254.

The five next largest Lodges: No. 42, 253; No. 35, 252; No. 37, 227; No. 13, 222; No. 5, 218.

The activity of the Rebekahs is shown by the following: No. 18 added to their membership 53; No. 6, 46; No. 4, 39; No. 33, 36; No. 12, 34; No. 42, 31; No. 10, 29; No. 37, 28; No. 35. 24; No. 32, 23.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
A. G. BRECKKENRIDGE,
R. C. HENZE,

Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was adopted.

Grand Master called upon Ellis A. Cranston, Grand Master, and Kirtland H. Wilson, Grand Secretary, of Rhode Island, to address the Grand Body, and their remarks, while brief, were very interesting.

Representative Stevenson, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Standing Committee on Legislation in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, which require that this Committee shall note and report upon such changes and rulings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as may require action by this Grand Lodge and on all propositions for amending the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, respectfully reports that it has examined the new Code of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., as adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at San Francisco, California, on September 23, 1915, which Code of Laws went into effect on January 1, 1916.

Said Code contains some new law, some additions to present law, and many modifications or changes in language, or construction or meaning, of existing law to greater or less extent. The other remaining sections of the new Code are a mere embodiment of the Law as it already stood before the coming into effect of the code, but simplified, consolidated, and rearranged and stated in short paragraph numbered sections; the whole making a code of Laws of One Thousand Sections. Copies of said Code may be purchased through the Grand Secretary at a price of $2.00 per volume, and your Committee recommends that each Subordinate Lodge and each Rebekah Lodge procure a copy.

A brief Digest of such of the new or changed or modified laws as are thought to be of particular interest to this Grand Lodge, for the information of our members, is enumerated herein below.

The new work is both a Code and in many respects a Digest. Only by stating the law as concisely as possible in section paragraphs in large type and appending thereto following each section in smaller type the decisions and rulings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge as interpretations thereof and as in a way giving the history of the section, could the work be made fully useful. This has been done in quite a full and satisfactory manner in the new Code, and it is believed that the new Code will serve as a complete and reliable guide to the general Laws of the Order.

The following sections in the new Code are either new legislation or such interpretations of former resolutions and decisions as practically

make new law or changes in the existing law. The Code Section numbers are given as they appeared in the report as adopted at San Francisco, but the section numbers may be changed by the Committee in the published volume of the Code which will first be issued on June 1, 1916.

DIGEST OF THE NEW CODE LAW.

Maximum Weekly Benefit.

SEC. 4. Grand Bodies, or subordinate bodies when so authorized or in the absence of regulation by their Grand Bodies, shall have power to prescribe the maximum weekly benefit that shall be paid by their Subordinates.

Aged Odd Fellows' Fund.

SECS. 20-30, INC. An Aged Fellows' Fund may be created, maintained, and dispensed by Grand Lodges. Provisions arranged as to its beneficiaries, regulations, admissions, dues to fund and dues to Subordinate which shall not be liable for pecuniary benefits, privileges of members, etc.

Attentive Benefits Defined.

SEC. 41. The term "Attentive benefits" shall be construed to include all those attentions to the needs and wants of a brother who is sick or disabled in body or distressed in mind required by the laws of the Order, and the precepts of the Ritual. It shall include the obligation of subordinate bodies to visit and wait on the sick, to inter their deceased members with the honors of the Order and to minister and give comfort to the widow and the orphan. It shall not include the payment of any stipulated pecuniary benefit, either to the brother himself or the members of his family or the payment of nurses or watchers.

Attentive Benefits—To Whom Rendered.

SEC. 42. Every member of the Order without regard to the date of his admission, arrearages or other circumstances, so long as he shall not have been actually dropped from the roll, shall be entitled to receive from the officers and members of his Lodge "attentive benefits" as defined in the next preceding section.

Nurse Hire.

SEC. 47. Qualifications for nurse hire in Lodge the same as for sick benefits, and not due unless in good standing for sick benefits.

Funeral Expense.

SEC. 56. The payment of the amount fixed for funeral expenses shall not be made to any corporation, society, or organization, or to the government.

Duties to Sojourning members.

SEC. 68. Lodges must advance sick benefits and nurse hire to sojourning members entitled thereto, but need not advance more than four weeks.

Visiting Cards Annulled.

SECS. 132 AND 133. When a member shall be in possession of a visiting card, and shall, during the period for which such card was granted, be suspended or expelled, such suspension or expulsion shall work a forfeiture of said card and of all the rights and privileges thereunder. When a Subordinate Lodge shall be suspended or shall voluntarily surrender its charter, all visiting cards issued by it shall become and be null and void.

The Official Certificate.

SEC. 138. When a member of a Subordinate Lodge shall pay dues or assessments to such Lodge and shall request a receipt therefor, the officer of such Lodge, authorized by law to receive and receipt for dues and assessments, shall issue to such member a receipt upon the form prescribed, which form shall be denominated the "official certificate," and shall be furnished by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Effect on Certificate, of Expulsion.

SEC. 151. When a member shall be in possession of an official certificate and shall, during the period for which dues are shown to be paid, be expelled, such expulsion shall work a forfeiture of said official certificate and of all rights and privileges thereunder except its character as a receipt for money paid.

Effect on Certificate, of Suspension of Body.

SEC. 154. When a Subordinate Lodge shall be suspended or shall voluntarily surrender its charter, all official certificates issued by it shall become and be null and void except as a receipt for money paid.

Transfer of Membership.

SECS. 160-161. Providing for a twenty-five-cent fee to accompany certificate or card, and for dues to be paid at least four weeks in advance, and for automatic cancellation of Transfer Certificate in case of death, sickness, or return, etc.

Dismissal Certificates.

SEC. 167. Fee for Dismissal Certificate fixed at one dollar and issue thereof made obligatory.

Charges and Trials in Outside Lodges.

SEC. 173. The holder of a withdrawal card shall be amenable to all the laws and usages of that branch of the Order from which the same shall be issued, and any subordinate body of the branch of the Order issuing such card shall have authority to entertain charges against such

member and try him upon such charges as fully to all intents and purposes as if he were a member of such subordinate body.

Shall Report Result of Trial.

SEC. 174. Any Lodge in which charges shall be preferred against the holder of a withdrawal card shall report the result of such trial to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction of such Lodge and the said Grand Secretary shall immediately report the same to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge issuing such card and, if the holder of said card shall be found guilty of any offense against the laws, usages, and principles of the Order, the said Grand Secretary shall at once cancel said card.

Certificate of Resignation.

SEC. 195. When one who shall have severed his connection with the Order by written resignation as authorized by law, shall apply to the Lodge in which he formerly held membership, he shall be entitled to receive, upon payment of the fee prescribed by such Lodge, a certificate signed by the Recording Secretary and under the seal of the Lodge showing his former connection with such Lodge and his rank therein.

Past Grand's Degree.

SECS. 207 AND 210. The degree heretofore known as the Past Noble Grand's degree, or Past Official Degree, shall hereafter be designated as the "Past Grand's Degree," and shall only be conferred as a reward for service upon those who have served a majority of the meeting nights of a term and, to the end of the term, as Noble Grand of a Subordinate Lodge. The degree may be conferred by such officer or officers and at such time and place as the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction may designate. No distinction shall hereafter be made between those who have served as the first Noble Grand of a new Lodge and those who have passed regularly through the chairs of the Lodge, and a member who shall have been chosen as Noble Grand, if eligible to the office at the time he was chosen, whether such eligibility shall be determined by previous service or by dispensation from the Grand Master, shall be entitled to receive the "Past Grand's Degree." When a brother, eligible under the preceding provisions of this section shall be chosen to fill a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand and shall serve to the end of the term, he shall be entitled to the degree.

Emblems Used in Periodicals.

SECS. 251-252. Regulating use of emblems of Order in Odd Fellowship periodicals and providing for penalties for violations.

Fee, Fine and Assessment Arrearages.

SECS. 294 AND 297 AND 302. Assessments and fines and fees are to be charged to members in same manner as dues are charged, and when

accumulated sufficiently to equal amount necessary to place member in bad standing, such member shall be subject to all penalties provided for such arrearages.

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

SEC. 328. Grand Bodies may authorize Subordinates to set aside and hold a portion of income as a special fund for the benefit of widows and orphans.

Electioneering Methods Forbidden.

SEC. 412. Grand and Subordinate Bodies and all members forbidden to issue any electioneering letters or circulars or papers or writings, or pursue any practice calculated to attract attention to any candidacy.

District Deputy Not to Hold Subordinate Office.

SEC. 465. Unless the Grand Body shall enact otherwise, a District Deputy shall not be eligible to hold any office in his own Subordinate Lodge.

Intoxicating Liquors.

SEC. 480. Spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors forbidden in any Lodge-room, ante-room, or hall; or in any apartment adjoining or connected under control of the Order; or at any gathering, celebration, festival, or other meeting held under auspices of the Order.

Non-Beneficial Membership.

SEC. 509. Grand Bodies shall have power to provide by law that applicants over fifty years of age may be received into membership as non-beneficial members *by initiation.*

Number of Applications Limited.

SEC. 523. Grand Bodies shall have power to fix the number of applications that may be made by a person whose application for admission or membership shall have been rejected.

Amount Necessary for Suspension.

SEC. 549. An amount equal to one year's dues whether such arrearages shall accumulate as unpaid dues, fines, or assessments, or all of them combined, shall be necessary before suspending or dropping from membership.

Certain Jewels in Lieu of Regalia.

SEC. 637. Members not occupying official positions and entitled to wear Veteran Jewels, Honorable Veteran Jewels, Past Grand Master's Jewels, Past Grand Patriarch's Jewels, Past President's Jewels, and Rebekah Veteran Jewels, may wear the same in lieu of regalia, but must be procured through channels of the Order from the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Property—Shall Not Lease for Saloon Purposes.

SEC. 834. No subordinate body of the Order shall have power or authority to lease any of its Lodge property or property in its control, directly or indirectly, to any person or persons or to any corporation, to be used as a saloon or other place to dispense intoxicating liquors to be drunk on the premises.

Buying or Erecting Buildings.

SEC. 836. Grand Bodies given power to require subordinate bodies to obtain consent before securing title to or erecting any building for Lodge purposes, and to submit plans, probable cost, and a statement of the financial condition of the subordinate body; and may forbid the enterprise jointly with other lodges or orders or corporations or associations.

Honors on Consolidation of Lodges.

SEC. 909. When two or more subordinate bodies consolidate during a term, the officers of the subordinate body surrendering its charter shall be entitled to all the honors of their respective offices.

Independent Organizations Forbidden.

SEC. 931. No company or association of the members of the Order shall be formed to be composed exclusively of Odd Fellows whose objects and purposes shall be at variance with the objects, principles, and purposes of the Order; and whose name, uniform, regalia, emblems, mottoes, titles, or initials shall be the same, in whole or in part, as those used in the Order; or whose members shall be required to obligate themselves to prefer one another in any manner over the members of the Order who shall not belong to such organization; and membership in any such organization shall be a violation of the Laws of the Order.

Supplies Must Be Bought Through Order.

SEC. 936. No subordinate body shall purchase or use any articles or supplies, provided and kept by the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the use of the Order, except from the Sovereign Grand Lodge through the channels designated for the distribution of such supplies; nor shall any substitutes be used.

Resolutions and Letters Prohibited.

SEC. 937. No member nor any subordinate body shall issue or distribute or join in or consent to the issuance or distribution of any resolution, circular, memorial, letter, or other communication, relative to any matter concerning the Order, or any of its members, bodies, homes, institutions, or organizations, without first receiving the written permission of the Grand Master. Any violation constitutes an offense against the Laws of the Order.

Illicit Dealer in Liquor.

SEC. 941. Any member of the Order who shall violate any of the penal laws of any State or country, relative to the sale or disposition of intoxicating liquors shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and upon conviction shall be expelled from the Order.

Sister May Prefer Charges.

SEC. 958. A sister of a Rebekah Lodge may prefer charges against a member of a Subordinate Lodge by presenting them to her own Lodge, which shall forthwith forward a certified copy of them, properly attested, to the Subordinate Lodge to which the accused shall belong, to be there regularly proceeded with.

Records Not to be Removed to Trials.

SEC. 983. No subordinate body shall be required to produce its books, records, or private documents, before the Trial Committee of any other subordinate body; but duly certified copies thereof shall, if pertinent, be received in evidence, and shall have like force and effect as the originals.

SUBORDINATE LODGE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS.

Your Committee reports the following Amendments to the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges in Connecticut, and recommends their adoption by this Grand Lodge at this Session, as follows:—

Amend Article IV. by inserting therein a *new* section and heading as follows:

Attentive Benefits and Nurse Hire.

SEC. 2½. Every member, without regard to date of admission, arrearages, or other circumstances, so long as he shall not have been actually dropped from the roll, shall be entitled to receive "Attentive Benefits," which includes all those attentions to a member who is sick or disabled in body, or distressed in mind, required by the Laws of the Order, and the precepts of the Ritual, including the obligations to visit the sick, inter deceased members with the honors of the Order, and minister and give comfort to the widow and orphan, but not including the payment of any stipulated pecuniary benefit of any kind. Lodges may provide By-Laws for the payment of certain amounts for certain periods for nurse hire, but no such payments out of the funds of the Lodge shall be made for a member who is so far in arrears as not to be entitled to weekly sick benefits or who is for any other reason not entitled to sick benefits.

Amend Section 3 of Article IV. by *adding* thereto the following sentence:—"The payment of the amount fixed for funeral *expenses* shall

not be made to any corporation, society, or organization, or government." So that said section as amended shall read:—

Funeral Expenses.

Sec. 3. This Lodge shall provide in its By-Laws, that upon the death of a member in beneficial standing at time of death and qualified as provided in the By-Laws, a sum not less than fifty dollars (or such part thereof as may be necessary) shall be appropriated and used to defray the funeral *expenses* incurred, and for no other purpose; provided, if said expenses shall have been paid by a relative or friend of the deceased, then the amount so expended, in no case to exceed the amount appropriated, shall be paid to such relative or friend. In the absence of competent relations, the Noble Grand shall take charge of the funeral, and render an account of the disbursements. The payment of the amount fixed for funeral *expenses* shall not be made to any corporation, society, or organization, or government.

Amend Section 2 of Article IV. by striking out in the first part of the second paragraph (adopted in 1913) the words, "the Home for Aged Odd Fellows at Groton,"—and *inserting* in lieu thereof the words, "any Home maintained by any fraternal body for the aged and indigent," so that said entire section shall read as follows:—

Sick Benefits.

Sec. 2. Every member qualified as herein and as required by the By-Laws shall in case of being disabled by sickness or bodily injury from following his usual occupation or otherwise earning a livelihood, provided such disability be not the result of his own vice or immorality, be entitled to and receive a weekly benefit of not less than two dollars during the continuance of the disability, except that no benefit need be paid for the first week of sickness. Provided, however, that when a member shall have received one full year's benefit, the benefit thereafter to such member may be fixed at not less than one dollar per week. A member of the Order becoming infirm from old age, and thereby being rendered incapable from following his usual occupation, is not entitled to weekly benefits merely on account of infirmity.

Any member who may become a resident of any Home maintained by any fraternal body for the aged and indigent shall thereby relinquish all claim for weekly benefits from this Lodge during the time he shall continue to be a resident at such Home. During the time or times that this Lodge shall be freed from liability to pay weekly benefits to any of the members by reason of their being residents of such Home, no weekly dues shall accrue against any such member, but he shall remain in good standing without the payment of any dues; provided,

he shall have been in good standing and beneficial at the time of his admission as a resident of such Home.

Amend Article X. by inserting therein a *new* section and heading as follows:—

Contingent Fund.

SEC. 8½. Lodges may set aside not to exceed 10 per cent. of their income from all sources as a contingent fund to be used in defraying such incidental expenses as will tend to carry out and exemplify the spirit of Odd Fellowship and advance its interests though not within the purposes for which such funds are otherwise required or permitted to be expended. Such special fund shall not be used for the pleasure or gratification of the individual members, but may be used in such ways as are calculated to advance interest in the Order and its work.

Amend Article IV. by adding thereto a *new* section and heading as follows:—

Duty to Sojourning Beneficial Members.

SEC. 8. When a sojourning beneficial member shall become entitled to benefits it shall be the duty of a Lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he may be, after ascertaining that he is entitled to benefits and to the services of a nurse, should he need one, to provide a nurse and pay therefor the amount allowed by his own Lodge, and to advance benefits to him at the rate prescribed by the Laws of his own Lodge; and the Lodge of which he is a member shall immediately upon proper statements of the amount expended, reimburse said Lodge, *provided* that no Lodge shall be required to advance more than four weeks' benefits or nurse hire unless reimbursed by the Lodge to which the member belongs.

Strike out entirely Section 14 of Article II. and *in lieu* thereof insert the following:—

Transfer of Membership.

SEC. 14. A member changing his residence from the jurisdiction of this Lodge to that of another, and who shall be in possession of an Official Certificate or Visiting Card showing his dues paid not less than four weeks in advance of the date of his application for membership as hereinafter provided, and who shall desire to unite with the Lodge at the place of new residence, may do so by making application, accompanied by his Official Certificate or Visiting Card and a fee of

twenty five cents. If elected to membership, as provided by the local law, the Secretary of the Lodge shall immediately send notice of such election together with said fee of twenty-five cents to the Lodge issuing the Visiting Card or Official Certificate, and request such Lodge to issue a Transfer Certificate for the member. The Lodge upon receiving such request and fee, shall, unless charges be pending against such member, issue such Transfer Certificate without ballot and send the same at once to the Secretary of the Lodge making such request. Upon the receipt of such Transfer Certificate, the member shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and become a member of the new Lodge without the payment of any additional admission fee, and the Lodge issuing such Transfer Certificate shall upon receiving notice from the new Lodge of the date of signing of the Constitution of such Lodge refund to such member all dues paid in advance of such date, provided that if a physician's certificate shall be required, the applicant shall pay the expense thereof, provided further that the member transferring is not entitled to receive benefits from his new Lodge until such time as he shall become beneficial under the laws of such Lodge.

The issuing of a Transfer Certificate by a Lodge shall immediately sever the membership of the person to whom the same shall be issued, provided that if the member shall become sick or disabled so as to be entitled to benefits or shall die or shall return to reside in the jurisdiction of the Lodge granting the Transfer Certificate within the period for which dues have been paid in advance and before completing membership in his new Lodge by signing the Constitution thereof, the Transfer Certificate so issued shall be *ipso facto* cancelled, and the member shall retain his beneficial standing in his old Lodge as though no Transfer Certificate had been issued.

Strike out entirely Sections 6, 7, 8, and 9 of Article III. and insert *in lieu* thereof the following single section and heading:—

Dismissal Certificates.

Sec. 6. Dismissal Certificates shall be issued only to members who have been dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues and against whom no charges are pending. The fee for the issuance of such Certificate shall be one dollar, and no Lodge shall have the right to refuse to issue a Dismissal Certificate to one of its members who is entitled thereto as provided in this section. Upon application therefor accompanied by one dollar, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary to issue such certificate without vote, and Secretary shall make a record thereof.

Strike out Section 3 of Article III. and *in lieu* thereof substitute the following section and heading.

Certificates of Resignation.

SEC. 3. Any member of the Lodge free from all indebtedness of any kind and free from charges shall have the right to sever his membership by tendering his resignation of such membership in writing. When one who shall have severed his connection with the Order by written resignation as authorized by law shall apply to the Lodge in which he formerly held membership, he shall be entitled to receive, upon payment of the fee prescribed by said Lodge, a certificate signed by the Recording Secretary and under Seal of the Lodge showing his former connection with the Lodge and his rank therein.

Add to Article IV. a *new* section and heading as follows:—

Fee, Fine, and Assessment Arrearages.

SEC. 1½. When a Lodge having authority to do so shall levy an assessment against its members, or when a fine shall have been imposed upon a member, or a fee of any kind incurred, it shall be charged against such member in same manner as dues are charged; and when the unpaid accumulations against any member for dues, fees, assessments, and fines shall equal the amount of arrearages necessary to place the member in bad standing, such member shall be subject to all the penalties prescribed for such arrearages.

Add to Section 8 of Article VI. the following sentence:

A District Deputy shall be eligible to hold any office in his own Subordinate Lodge.

Strike out Section 6 of Article X. and *in lieu* thereof substitute the following section and heading:—

Intoxicating Liquors.

SEC. 6. Spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors are forbidden in any Lodge-room, ante-room, or hall, or in any apartment adjoining or connected therewith under control of the Order, or at any gathering, celebration, festival, or other meeting held under auspices of the Order.

Lodges are forbidden to lease any of their property for saloon purposes.

Add to Article IV. a *new* section and heading as follows:—

Amount Necessary for Suspension.

SEC. 9. An amount equal to one year's dues whether such arrearages shall accumulate as unpaid dues, fines, or assessments, or all of them

combined, shall be necessary before suspending or dropping from membership.

Add to Article X. a *new* section and heading as follows:—

Resolutions and Letters Prohibited.

SEC. 12. No member nor any Subordinate Lodge shall issue or distribute or join in or consent to the issuance or distribution of any resolution, circular, memorial, letter, or other communication, relative to any matter concerning the Order, or any of its members, bodies, homes, institutions, or organizations, without first receiving the written permission of the Grand Master. Any violation constitutes an offense against the Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING FOREGOING THIRTEEN AMENDMENTS.

Your Committee on Legislation therefore submits the following resolution and recommends its adoption:

Resolved, That the foregoing Report be received and accepted, and that the foregoing thirteen Amendments to the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges be, and they are hereby, *adopted* to go into full force and effect at once.

Respectfully submitted in F., L. & T.,

HENRY C. STEVENSON, *Chairman,*
for the Committee on Legislation of the Grand Lodge.

On motion it was voted to amend by striking out the word "not" in sentence to be added to Section 8 of Article VI.

With this amendment the report of the Committee on Legislation and resolution was adopted.

Representative Larsen, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

NEW HAVEN, CONN., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred part of the Grand Master's report as found on page 2, respectfully recommend that Thames Lodge, No. 22, be remitted the price of six new Rituals.

Fraternally submitted,

O. W. LEWIS,
MICHAEL LARSEN,
D. R. ALLING,
Committee on Finance.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Larsen, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution referring to the tax for Odd Fellows Home, respectfully recommend that a semi-annual tax of fifteen cents per capita be and the same is hereby levied on the contributing members of the Order in this State, payable July 1, 1916, and January 1, 1917, the same to be used for the current expenses of the Odd Fellows Home, the tax payable July 1. 1916, to be based on the memberships reported to the Grand Lodge December 31, 1915, and the tax payable January 1, 1917, to be based on the membership reported June 30, 1916.

Fraternally submitted,

O. W. LEWIS,
MICHAEL LARSEN,
D. R. ALLING,
Committee on Finance.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Larsen, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred part of the Grand Master's report as found on page 2, respectfully report that we have given the matter careful consideration, and in view of the facts there set forth, viz.: a gain in membership of 5.688 and a net gain in assets of $355,725.53, means that the work of the Grand Secretary is almost double what it was when he assumed office, and the correspondence has also greatly increased; we feel that the faithful and untiring labors by Brother Hutchison on behalf of our beloved Order should be rewarded at least to a small extent.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased four hundred dollars ($400.00) per year.

Fraternally submitted,

D. R. ALLING,
MICHAEL LARSEN,
O. W. LEWIS,
Committee on Finance.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Breckenridge, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the supplementary report of the Grand Master, have had the same under consideration and report as follows:

Resolved. That subject matter under Dispensations and Visitations be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
A. G. BRECKENRIDGE,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
R. C. HENZE,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,

Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

Representative Breckenridge, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Grand Master in his supplementary report, offer the following:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Nesis Rebekah Lodge, No. 58; also to Dorcas Rebekah Lodge, No. 59.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL.
A. G. BRECKENRIDGE,
R. C. HENZE,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,

Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

Representative Breckenridge, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the recommendation in the supplementary report of the Grand Master, offer the following:

Resolved, That Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 57, and Dorcas Lodge, No. 59, be placed in District No. 17, and that Nesis Rebekah Lodge. No. 58, be placed in District No. 12.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
A. G. BRECKENRIDGE,
R. C. HENZE,
F. F. CLARK,

Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

Representative Upson, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the supplementary report of the Grand Secretary, upon due consideration offer the following:

Resolved, That the supplementary report of the Grand Secretary be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON.
A. G. BRECKENRIDGE,
R. C. HENZE,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,

Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

Representative Upson, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of the Executive Council, beg leave to report that lack of time forbids due and proper consideration at this time and offer the following:

Resolved, That this Committee be allowed to report on this resolution at the next session of this Grand Body.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
A. G. BRECKENRIDGE,
R. C. HENZE.

Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

Representative Clark, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report relating to Lost Rituals, on pages 2 and 20, have had the same under consideration. This for some time has been a source of serious annoyance, and almost invariably is a yearly report; your Committee at the last session urged the rigid enforcement of this law.

We recommend the approval of the action of the Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
A. G. BRECKENRIDGE,
R. C. HENZE,

Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Reynolds, from the Committee on Rebekah Degree, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on Rebekah Degree, to whom was referred the petition of the Rebekah State Assembly, to have a tax of nine cents per member laid for the use of the Assembly. respectfully report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend that a tax of nine cents per member be laid on the membership of the Rebekah Lodges of Connecticut, for the support of the Rebekah State Assembly.

Fraternally submitted,

M. L. REYNOLDS,
E. B. WORTHINGTON,
WILLIAM C. PAINTER,
A. H. EAGAN,

Committee on Rebekah Degree.

On motion the report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

Representative Reynolds, from the Committee on Rebekah Degree, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on Rebekah Degree, after carefully considering the recommendations of the President of the Rebekah State Assembly, "that the President be given the power to make the semi-annual password, also that the President, under the direction of the Grand Master, be granted the power to institute Rebekah Lodges," and as the Rebekah State Assembly has a committee created to draft a new Constitution for their government. your Committee would recommend that these recommendations be approved by this Grand Lodge and referred back to the Committee on Rebekah Assembly Constitution, that it may be incorporated therein with other recommendations for final approval by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

M. L. REYNOLDS,
E. B. WORTHINGTON,
WILLIAM C. PAINTER,
A. H. EAGAN,

Committee on Rebekah Degree.

After considerable discussion, on motion the whole matter was referred back to the Rebekah State Assembly for such action as they see fit, to make report to this Grand Lodge.

Representative Breckenridge, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred recommendation two of the Grand Master's report on page 2, have had the same under consideration, and offer the following:

Resolved, That Faith Rebekah Lodge, No. 44, be transferred from District No. 9 to District No. 8.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON.
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
A. G. BRECKENRIDGE,
FREDERICK F. CLARK,
R. C. HENZE,

Committee on State of the Order.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

Representative Upson, from the Committee on Courtesies, submitted the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on Courtesies beg leave to report that the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction duly recognizes the earnest efforts of our Grand Master, Robert T. W. Adams, to increase the membership in this State, which we believe have resulted in a permanent growth of membership, and will redound to the credit of the entire Order. Be it therefore

Resolved, That in further recognition of his services, that a Past Grand Master's jewel be procured. suitably inscribed, and presented to the retiring Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
H. L. PLATT,
I. P. TURNEY.

Committee on Courtesies.

On motion the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

On motion, Representative Upson, from the Committee on Courtesies, was permitted to prepare and insert in the Journal the following:

New Haven, Conn., May 17, 1916.

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—Your Committee on Courtesies submits the following:

The convening in annual session of the greatest fraternal beneficial society within the confines of this Commonwealth, is looked forward to with almost exciting interest by all participants. The fraternizing of this organization of brotherly love is conducive of wise acts of legislation for its own good. From Putnam to Greenwich, from Canaan to Mystic, they come, assembling in one Grand Lodge.

This year we have been exceptionally favored: we were tendered the gratuitous use of a commodious, airy, light meeting place, overlooking the great metropolis of New Haven. For this special privilege we are indebted to Mr. J. C. LeVin, manager of Hotel Taft. To him by the unanimous vote of this Grand Body is extended our sincere thanks; we also desire that he fully realize our deep appreciation for the courteous efforts and watchfulness, by himself and efficient corps of assistants. for our comfort during this splendid session. To him we may say, we wish you longevity, continued prosperity, life's pathway illumined by that great light emanating from the giver of all good, its rays reflecting through you a bright ray of true love.

To the committees in charge of matters of finance, legislation, and Judiciary, thanks be extended for their prompt, attentive way of expediting all business coming to them.

To the Grand Master, we wish to show no less our pleasure and appreciation of his painstaking and zealous manner in directing the destinies of this great brotherhood for the past year. While he has had many and long to be remembered experiences, we realize that it has cost him many hours of deep and thoughtful study. We congratulate him on the splendid success, firmly believing his past labors of love only more firmly cement his true love for the Order. May many pleasant and prosperous years yet to come be his lot.

To the Grand Secretary, also the Grand Treasurer. we would especially recognize their services.

To all others who in any way contributed to our many pleasures, the thanks of this Grand Body is hereby extended.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON,
H. L. PLATT,
I. P. TURNEY,
Committee on Courtesies.

On motion it was voted that the Grand Herald be allowed $5.00 for his services.

On motion the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of officers.

The Grand Master appointed Grant U. Kierstead, P.G.M., Grand Marshal, and Philip Pond, Grand Representative, Grand Guardian, and the following elective and appointed officers were installed in ample form by Robert T. W. Adams, Grand Master:

F. HENRY MONROE, *Grand Master*.....New Haven
GEORGE M. CHAPMAN, *Deputy Grand Master*.....Waterbury
HARRY HIRSCH, *Grand Warden*.....New London
WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON, *Grand Secretary*.....New Haven
SIDNEY W. CHALLENGER, *Grand Treasurer*.....Bridgeport
PHILIP POND, *Senior Grand Representative*.....New Haven
ROBERT T. W. ADAMS, *Junior Grand Representative*....Naugatuck
WILLIAM T. MEYER. *Grand Marshal*.....Bridgeport
FRANK W. WHITON, *Grand Conductor*.....Hartford
HERBERT J. PHILLIPS, *Grand Guardian*.....Waterbury
REV. CHARLES H. SMITH, *Grand Chaplain*.....Barre, Mass.
CHARLES R. HATHAWAY, *Grand Herald*.....South Manchester

The Grand Master called on Sidney W. Challenger, Grand Treasurer, who in his usual happy vein presented the Past Grand Master's Jewel to retiring Grand Master Adams.

Past Grand Master Adams feelingly responded, thanking the Grand Treasurer for his kind remarks and the Grand Lodge for their beautiful gift.

The Grand Master made the following appointments on Standing and Special Committees, District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Instructor, and State Instructress, for the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges:

Standing Committees.

Committee on State of the Order.—Frank R. Upson, P.G.M., No. 75; H. C. F. Howell, No. 12; R. C. Henze, No. 91; Frederick F. Clark, No. 1; Edward A. Birdsey, No. 86.

Committee on Legislation.—Henry C. Stevenson, P.G.M.. No. 4; Lucius H. Fuller, P.G.M., No. 33; Leo Davis, No. 10.

Committee on Correspondence.—William S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary; Elof Lundblad, No. 40; Clifford H. Starkweather, No. 34.

Committee on Finance.—David R. Alling, P.G.M., No. 1; Oliver W. Lewis, No. 6; Harry D. Temporal, No. 99.

Committee on Appeals.—Grant U. Kierstead, P.G.M.. No. 2; Philip Pond, P.G.M., No. 5; Elmer G. Hurlbut, P.G.M., No. 52; Arthur F. Woodford, P.G.M., No. 59; Harvey S. Halligan, No. 73; Frank E. Roys, P.G.M., No. 30; Clarkson N. Fowler, No. 82; Charles J. Fowler, No. 56; Ivan L. Morehouse. No. 90.

Committee on Stationery and Printing.—William S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary; A. J. Willard, No. 39; Richard W. Kirk, No. 15.

Special Committees.

Committee on Necrology.—Joseph H. Hawley, P.G.M., No. 18; William H. Marigold, P.G.M., No. 4; Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M., No. 6.

Committee on Place of Meeting.—W. J. Platt, No. 41; Harry L. Hunt, No. 90; William B. Chard, No. 8.

Committee on Transportation.—George T. Smith. No. 37; Albert H. Dresser, No. 74; John B. Norton, No. 81.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Frederic C. Burrows, P.G.M., No. 85; C. H. Gear, No. 20; Frank O'Brien, No. 23.

Committee on Rebekah Degree.—Robert T. W. Adams, G.Rep., No. 101; B. O. Fowler, No. 101; E. B. Worthington, No. 11; Lincoln D. Hill, No. 71.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Dist.	Name.	Lodge	Residence.	Lodges in Dist.
1	William Brown	39	New Haven	1,5,15,36,39,77.86
2	Conrad Rabanus	91	New Haven	78, 91, 95
3	Miner A. Worthington	82	East Hartford	2, 45, 82, 93
4	Fred A. North	41	Bridgeport	4, 41, 80. 99
5	Gustave Natzke	94	Bridgeport	83, 94
6	Harold H. French	23	Seymour	6, 63, 73
7	Clarence E. Crofoot	97	South Norwalk	10, 97
8	Henry H. Durgy	7	Danbury	7, 18, 46, 65
9	Fred H. Williams	16	Willimantic	11, 16, 27, 29
10	William Kingdom	85	New London	22. 55, 85
11	A. H. Osborne	89	Waterbury	21, 42, 89, 100
12	George C. Case	30	Winsted	30, 50, 51, 64
13	Ernest L. Stevens	28	South Meriden	28, 68, 71, 87
14	A. G. Breckenridge	52	New Britain	52, 72
15	Frank G. Osborne	74	Plainville	48, 59, 74
16	Niels Nielson	13	Hartford	13
17	Herman Escholtz	98	Hartford	92. 96, 98
18	Charles D. Ayers	81	Deep River	3, 20, 81
19	Charles A. Beckwith	17	Lyme	17, 18
20	George S. Gillette	14	Milford	14, 90
21	Josiah J. Dyer	84	Stony Creek	62, 84
23	Clifford Talmadge	75	Southington	9, 75
24	William B. Chard	8	Greenwich	8, 24, 37, 43
25	C. H. Starkweather	34	Danielson	19, 33, 34
26	Gale T. Lloyd	35	Portland	12, 35. 54
29	Herman Linger	67	Hartford	44, 47, 67
30	Fred T. Ward	26	Mystic	26, 101
31	Geo. B. Milne	49	Rockville	25, 31, 32, 49, 53
33	Hans O. Pierson	38	Bridgeport	38, 40
34	Harry H. Woodward	56	Thompsonville	23. 56

Grand Instructor, Sidney W. Challenger. P.G.M. and Grand Treasurer, Bridgeport.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, REBEKAH LODGES.

Dist.	Name.	Lodge	Residence.	Lodges in Dist.
1	Mrs. Mary M. Christie	3	Milford	1, 3
2	Mrs. Albertine Remensberger	14	New Haven	14, 15. 19
3	Mrs. Fannie Leonard	6	Bridgeport	4, 6
4	Mrs. Theresa Baunach	13	Bridgeport	13, 26
5	Mrs. Carrie M. Mallette	9	Ansonia	5, 9
6	Mrs. Louis R. Hine	30	Danbury	16, 30, 43, 51
7	Mrs. Lena H. Wilbur	20	New London	20, 27, 50, 56
8	Mrs. Anna L. Selleck	35	Naugatuck	8, 35, 44
9	Mrs. Mary L. Shaver	49	Canaan	25. 37, 49
10	Mrs. Adeline A. Grieb	7	Meriden	2, 7, 29, 48
11	Miss Arta L. Gilbert	45	Plainville	24, 41, 45
12	Mrs. Gertrude E. Wilcox	12	Middletown	11, 12, 18, 54, 58
13	Mrs. Jeannie H. Winne	10	Essex	10, 53
14	Mrs. Dora C. Hair	46	Stony Creek	40, 46
15	Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson	17	Southington	17, 31
16	Mrs. Charlotte Crosby	55	Norwalk	32. 42, 52, 55
17	Mrs. Sarah A. Jeffers	28	Jewett City	21, 28, 33, 57, 59
18	Mrs. Eulodia Bush	23	Milford	22, 23
19	Mrs. Catherine Arnold	47	East Hartford	34, 36, 38, 39, 47

State Instructress, Mary E. Finkle, President State Assembly, Seymour.

State Instructress, German Rebekah Lodges, Mrs. Hedwig Pflegher, P.N.G., Columbia Rebekah Lodge, No. 15, New Haven.

On motion the appointments of the Grand Master for Standing Committees, Special Committees, District Deputy Grand Masters for Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, State Instructor, and State Instructress for English and German Rebekah Lodges were approved.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

On motion the Grand Lodge at 5:10 P. M. adjourned *sine die.*

Attest:

William S. Hutchison.
Grand Secretary

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

Name.	No. Lodge.	Date of Service.	Residence.
Frederick Croswell*	1	1840—1841	New Haven
James B. Gilman*	2	1841—1842	Hartford
Charles Wm. Bradley*	3	1842—1843	East Haddam
Robinson S. Hinman*†	1	1843	New Haven
Sheldon Bassett*	6	1844	Derby
John L. Devotion*	11	1844—1845	Norwich
Henry L. Miller*	2	1845—1846	Hartford
Prelate Demick*	1	1846—1847	New Haven
John Greenwood*	7	1847—1848	Danbury
Junius M. Wiley*	20	1848—1849	Essex
George S. Sanford*	4	1849—1850	Bridgeport
Lloyd E. Baldwin*	16	1850—1851	Willimantic
Samuel Lynes*	10	1851—1852	Norwalk
George W. Benedict*	21	1852—1853	Waterbury
Freeman M. Brown*	39	1853—1854	Windsor Locks
David B. Booth*	7	1854—1855	Danbury
Reynold Webb*	81	1855—1856	Madison
James Phelps*	20	1856—1857	Essex
Eliphalet G. Storer*	1	1857—1858	New Haven
John Wallace*‡	6	1858	Ansonia
Hiram K. Scott*	46	1858—1859	Ridgefield
Origen Utley*	12	1859—1860	Middletown
Samuel Tolles*	5	1860—1861	New Haven
David E. Burwell*	1	1861—1862	New Haven
Edward S. Clark*†	21	1862	Waterbury
James E. Bidwell*	12	1862—1863	Middletown
Philip Pond*	5	1863—1864	New Haven
Samuel C. Waterbury*	24	1864—1865	Stamford
George L. Townsend*	21	1865—1866	Waterbury
Julius Attwood*	3	1866—1867	East Haddam
Frederick Botsford*	36	1867—1868	New Haven
Charles C. Jackson*	63	1868—1869	Ansonia
Peter L. Cunningham*	10	1869—1870	Norwalk
John W. Smith*	21	1870—1871	Waterbury
Alfred W. Phelps*	5	1871—1872	New Haven
Stephen Terry*	2	May,'72-May,'74	Hartford
Louis Feldman*	78	1874—1875	New Haven
John F. Comstock*†	86	1875—1876	New Haven
Theodore I. Driggs*	21	1876—1877	Waterbury
William Wallace Lee*	87	1877—1878	Meriden
Thomas Stirling*	41	1878—1879	Bridgeport
George N. Moses*	5	1879—1880	New Haven
E. J. Hill	10	1880—1881	Norwalk
Jonathan W. Pond*	5	1881—1882	New Haven
Luzerne I. Munson*	21	1882—1883	Waterbury
Lucius P. Deming	86	1883—1884	Auburn, N. Y.
William H. Stevenson*	41	1884—1885	Bridgeport
Loren H. Stannard*	1	1885—1886	New Haven
William H. Comley	4	1886—1887	Bridgeport
Bradley S. Keith*	10	1887—1888	Norwalk
Ralph Burnham*	93	1888—1889	Hartford
James Bishop*	1	1889—1890	New Haven
Frederick S. Hunt*	41	1890—1891	Bridgeport
George H. Cowell*	21	1891—1892	Waterbury
Charles B. Ware	55	1892—1893	Hartford

*Deceased. † Died in office ‡ Lived only one month after his election.

Name.	No. Lodge	Date of Service.	Residence.
William H. Marigold	4	1893—1894	Bridgeport
Leopold deLeeuw*	82	1894—1895	Hartford
David R. Alling	1	1895—1896	New Haven
Lucius H. Fuller	33	1896—1897	Putnam
John Blair*	89	1897—1898	Waterbury
Zebulon R. Robbins	27	1898—1899	Norwich
Horace H. Jackson	4	1899—1900	Bridgeport
Selah G. Blakeman	6	1900—1901	Shelton
William S. Hutchison	31	1901—1902	New Haven
James A. Carpenter	51	1902—1903	Tampico, Mex.
Frank R. Upson	75	1903—1904	Southington
Calvin S. Davis*	17	1904—1905	Niantic
Sidney W. Challenger	99	1905—1906	Bridgeport
Philip Pond	5	1906—1907	New Haven
Elmer G. Hurlbut	52	1907—1908	New Britain
Grant U. Kierstead	2	1908—1909	Hartford
William E. Thoms	21	1909—1910	Waterbury
Joseph H. Hawley	18	1910—1911	Danbury
Arthur F. Woodford	59	1911—1912	Bristol
Frederic C. Burrows	85	1912—1913	New London
Frank E. Roys	30	1913—1914	Winsted
Henry C. Stevenson	4	1914—1915	Bridgeport
Robert T. W. Adams	100	1915—1916	Naugatuck

Deceased. † Died in office. ‡ Lived only one month after his election.

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QUINNIPIAC LODGE, No. 1. I. O. O. F.
George Malcolm Cameron, P.G., Died July 30, 1915, Age 52.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 5, I. O. O. F.
Francis B. Gates, P.G., Died August 7, 1915, Age 68.
Horace T. Whittlesey, P.G.. Died August 12, 1915, Age 74.

OUSATONIC LODGE, No. 6, I. O. O. F.
Elliott O. Lattin, P.G., Died October 15, 1915, Age 64.
Thomas Wallace, Jr., P.G., Died January 1, 1916, Age 89.
Newell J. Bailey. P.G.P., Died January 3, 1916, Age 71.
Henry N. Beardsley, P.G., Died February 15, 1915, Age 80.
Frederick Sanford, P.G., April 9, 1916, Age 83.
Warren E. Tomlinson, P.G., Died April 10, 1915. Age 69.

OUR BROTHERS LODGE, No. 10, I. O. O. F.
James Farrell, P.G.. Died October 22, 1915, Age 46.
George S. Allen, P.G., Died December 9, 1915, Age 79.
Moses H. Glover, P.G., Died February 5, 1916, Age 69.

UNCAS LODGE, No. 11, I. O. O. F.
Peter Murry, P.G.. Died January 20, 1916, Age 68.

CENTRAL LODGE, No. 12, I. O. O. F.
Thomas G. Lucas, P.G., Died March 4, 1916, Age 90.

TYCHO BRAHE LODGE, No. 13, I. O. O. F.
N. P. Jessen, P.G., Died August 29, 1915. Age 70.

OBWEBETUCK LODGE, No. 16, I. O. O. F.
Daniel C. Barrows, P.G., Died June 30, 1915, Age 62.

RIPPOWAM LODGE, No. 24, I. O. O. F.
Ezra L. Hay, P.G.. Died May 16, 1915, Age 62.
James J. Stewart, P.G., Died August 21, 1915, Age 68.
Henry L. Eckhard, P.G., Died December 8, 1915, Age 60.
Adam Balcom, P.G., Died March 21, 1916. Age 69.

KING DAVID LODGE, No. 31, I. O. O. F.
J. Burdette Hubbard, P.G., Died March 15, 1916, Age 72.

WAUSEON LODGE, No. 32, I. O. O. F.
Milo J. Eaton, P.G.. Died April 14, 1916, Age 72.

ISRAEL PUTNAM LODGE, No. 33, I. O. O. F.
Edward T. Wright, P.G., Died February 22, 1916, Age 56.

CITY LODGE, No. 36, I. O. O. F.
David R. Adams, P.G., Died May 19, 1915. Age 80.

MONITOR LODGE, No. 38, I. O. O. F.
William Sjastrand, P.G., Died August 4, 1915, Age 47.

SVEA LODGE, No. 40, I. O. O. F.
Carl Brandt, P.G.. Died January 19, 1916, Age 57.

PURITAN LODGE, No. 43, I. O. O. F.
Frank W. Nichols, P.G., Died October 7, 1915, Age 60.

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PEQUABOCK LODGE, No. 48, I. O. O. F.
Henry A. Tibbals, P.G., Died August 17, 1915, Age 33.

CANAAN LODGE, No. 50, I. O. O. F.
Herbert H. Stanton, P.G., Died June 8, 1915, Age 59.

PHENIX LODGE, No. 52, I. O. O. F.
William Lambert, P.G.. Died February 28, 1916, Age 84.

ELM LODGE, No. 53, I. O. O. F.
Charles A. Rhodes, P.G., Died September 27, 1915, Age 69.

BELL LODGE, No. 54, I. O. O. F.
Edwin W. Crocker, Died May 9, 1915, Age 51.

MOHEGAN LODGE. No. 55, I. O. O. F.
Daniel W. Patch, P.G., Died April 2, 1916, Age 72.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 56, I. O. O. F.
George T. Pilkington, P.G., Died October 5, 1915, Age 27.

NAUGATUCK LODGE, No. 63, I. O. O. F.
Luke Tiffany. P.G., Died January 22, 1916, Age 74.

MERIDEN CENTER LODGE, No. 68, I. O. O. F.
Leonard P. Bradley, P.G., Died June 30, 1915, Age 75.
Nathan F. Griswold, P.G., Died January 4, 1916, Age 91.

MECHANICS LODGE, No. 73. I. O. O. F.
Zerah B. Davis, P.G., Died February 28, 1916, Age 72.
Samuel R. Butler, P.G., Died April 22, 1916, Age 75.

EUREKA LODGE, No. 75, I. O. O. F.
J. B. Reoder. P.G., Died June 23, 1915, Age 49.
E. H. Anderson, P.G., Died October 16, 1915, Age 67.

GERMANIA LODGE, No. 78, I. O. O. F.
Edward Graffunder, P.G., Died July 27, 1915, Age 76.
Henry Ploehn, P.G.. Died November 25, 1915, Age 61.

ADELPHIAN LODGE, No. 80, I. O. O. F.
John T. McIlroy, P.G., Died January 3, 1916, Age 37.

STEUBEN LODGE, No. 83, I. O. O. F.
Peter Koehm, P.G., Died July 9. 1915, Age 52.
Leonhard Meiler, P.G., Died August 23, 1915, Age 58.
John J. Dorsch, P.G., Died December 16, 1915, Age 56.
Andrew Rauh, P.G.. Died January 26, 1916, Age 78.
William Liebrum, P.G., Died February 20, 1916, Age 78.

SEASIDE LODGE, No. 84, I. O. O. F.
Erastus J. Keyes, P.G., Died November 5, 1915, Age 90.

PEQUOT LODGE. No. 85, I. O. O. F.
Winfield S. Whittlesey, P.G., Died June 2, 1915, Age 52.
Henry W. Grant, P.G., Died February 24, 1916, Age 77.
A. Clark Sweezy, P.G., Died March 13, 1916. Age 67.

In Memoriam

RELIEF LODGE, No. 86, I. O. O. F.
Henry A. Davis, P.G., Died October 26, 1915, Age 65.
Charles W. Ostrum, P.G., Died November 22. 1915, Age 65.

PACIFIC LODGE, No. 87, I. O. O. F.
A. E. Butler, P.G., Died January 21, 1916, Age 64.
W. D. Hosley, P.G., Died March 1, 1916. Age 47.

CRYSTAL LODGE, No. 88, I. O. O. F.
William B. Tooker, P.G., Died February 13, 1916, Age 53.

TOWNSEND LODGE, No. 89, I. O. O. F.
C. H. Bronson. P.G., Died November 1, 1915, Age 70.

ORONOQUE LODGE, No. 90, I. O. O. F.
Walter E. Hine, P.G., Died July 15, 1915, Age 48.
David F. Judson, P.G.. Died January 4, 1916, Age 76.
Henry F. Meachem, P.G., Died February 15, 1916, Age 71.

CONNECTICUT LODGE, No. 93, I. O. O. F.
George D. Schaubel, P.G., Died January 9, 1916, Age 65.

LESSING LODGE. No. 94, I. O. O. F.
August Dorr, P.G., Died January 13, 1916, Age 70.

TEUTONIA LODGE, No. 95, I. O. O. F.
William Ulbrand, P.G., Died December 31, 1915, Age 69.
John M. Nagel, P.G., Died February 3, 1916. Age 76.
Louis Nagel, P.G., Died July 6, 1915, Age 74.

BEETHOVEN LODGE, No. 98, I. O. O. F.
Joseph Hirth, P.G., Died August 16, 1915, Age 67.
Carl Langhaus. P.G., Died February 11, 1916, Age 50.
Jacob Nitzig, P.G., Died February 26, 1916, Age 57.

LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Name	No.	Locality	When Instituted	Nights of Meeting
Quinnipiac	1	New Haven	Sept 3, 1839	Monday
Charter Oak	2	Hartford	April 21, 1840 March 6, 1872*	Friday
Middlesex	3	East Haddam	April 22, 1840	Thursday
Pequonnock	4	Bridgeport	June 11, 1841 Feb. 2, 1869*	Tuesday
Harmony	5	New Haven	June 14, 1841	Tuesday
Ousatonic	6	Derby	Oct. 3, 1841	Monday
Samaritan	7	Danbury	May 5, 1842 Sept. 7, 1873*	Friday
Empire	8	Greenwich	May 8, 1887	Tuesday
L. A. Thomas	9	Cheshire	July 23, 1888	Monday
Our Brothers	10	Norwalk	Oct. 19, 1842	Monday
Uncas	11	Norwich	March 10, 1843 Feb. 17, 1864†	Monday
Central	12	Middletown	June 12, 1843	Thursday
Tycho Brahe	13	Hartford	Oct. 31, 1888	Wednesday
Wopowage	14	Milford	June 9, 1844	Wednesday
Montewese	15	New Haven	Jan. 8, 1845 April 21, 1870*	Monday
Obwebetuck	16	Willimantic	Jan. 2, 1890	Thursday
Niantic	17	Niantic	Feb. 27, 1878	Wednesday
Progressive	18	Danbury	March 26, 1891	Monday
Protection	19	Central Village	Aug. 9, 1888	1st & 3d Thurs
Fenwick	20	Essex	March 19, 1845	Thursda
Nosahogan	21	Waterbury	July 1, 1845	Tuesday
Thames	22	Montville	April 26, 1898	Tuesday
Palisado	23	Windsor	April 1, 1903	Wednesday
Rippowam	24	Stamford	Oct. 1, 1845	Monday
Crescent	25	East Hartford	May 3, 1889	Thursday
Stonington	26	Mystic	Dec. 12, 1845	Wednesday
Shetucket	27	Norwich	Dec. 14, 1880	Tuesday
Hancock	28	So. Meriden	March 4, 1846 Sept. 5, 1872*	Tuesday
Reliance	29	Jewett City	Sept. 22, 1890	Monday
Clifton	30	Winsted	Jan. 24, 1882	Tuesday
King David	31	So.Manchester	Jan. 29, 1890	Friday
Wauseon	32	Stafford Springs	March 18, 1891	Tuesday
Israel Putnam	33	Putnam	March 21, 1890	Tuesday
Quinebaug	34	Danielson	Sept. 10, 1846 Feb. 13, 1889*	Tuesday
Portland	35	Portland	Oct. 29, 1890	Friday
City	36	New Haven	Dec. 2, 1846	Wednesday
Wooster	37	New Canaan	Feb. 22, 1847	Monday
Monitor	38	Bridgeport	Oct. 11, 1899	Wednesday
Croswell	39	New Haven	May 8, 1893	Friday
Svea	40	New Haven	Dec. 12, 1899	Monday
Arcanum	41	Bridgeport	Feb. 4, 1847 March 17, 1875*	Friday
Franklin	42	Thomaston	March 1, 1847 Nov. 20, 1872*	Monday
Puritan	43	Stamford	Feb. 26, 1889	Monday
Scandia	44	Meriden	Sept. 29, 1903	Saturday
Summit	45	Hartford	March 29, 1898	Thursday
Pilgrim	46	Ridgefield	June 11, 1847	Tuesday

*Re-Instituted † Resumed work. Did not surrender its charter
Permission to resume given Feb. 17, 1864.

LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

Name	No.	Locality	When Instituted	Nights of Meeting
Andree	47	New Britain	June 26, 1900	Wednesday
Pequabock	48	Bristol	Aug. 3, 1847 Feb. 8, 1883*	Wednesday
Rising Star	49	Rockville	April 4, 1883	Monday
Canaan	50	Canaan	May 15, 1908	Monday
Ridgely	51	Torrington	May 11, 1883	Thursday
Phenix	52	New Britain	Feb. 15, 1848 Feb. 22, 1872*	Wednesday
Elm	53	Glastonbury	Feb. 28, 1848 Jan. 10, 1888*	Monday
Bell	54	East Hampton	May 23, 1904	Monday
Mohegan	55	New London	April 14, 1886	Wednesday
Friendship	56	Thompsonville	May 17, 1909	Monday
Stephen Terry	59	Bristol	April 15, 1892	Friday
Menuncatuck	62	Guilford	Jan. 11, 1849 Feb. 25, 1879*	Thursday
Naugatuck	63	Ansonia	Feb. 14, 1849	Wednesday
Eclectic	64	Collinsville	May 11, 1900	2d & 4th Fri.
Good Shepherd	65	New Milford	July 2, 1878	Thursday
John Ericsson	67	Hartford	April 18, 1893	Friday
Meriden Center	68	Meriden	July 11, 1849	Thursday
Accanant	71	Wallingford	Aug. 14, 1850 May 12, 1875*	Tuesday
Lexington	72	New Britain	Oct. 15, 1896	Thursday
Mechanics	73	Seymour	May 10, 1851 Nov. 6, 1864*	Tuesday
Sequassen	74	Plainville	Aug. 14, 1851 Aug. 26, 1886*	Thursday
Eureka	75	Plantsville	May 16, 1852 Jan. 1, 1878*	Tuesday
Polar Star	77	New Haven	March 14, 1853 Jan. 14, 1873*	Wednesday
Germania	78	New Haven	July 28, 1853	Thursday
Adelphian	80	Bridgeport	April 29, 1897	Wednesday
Webb	81	Deep River	Aug. 21, 1855 April 7, 1874*	Tuesday
Hartford	82	Hartford	Feb. 1, 1867	Tuesday
Steuben	83	Bridgeport	April 1, 1867	Monday
Seaside	84	Stony Creek	Aug. 3, 1892	Friday
Pequot	85	New London	June 2, 1869	Friday
Relief	86	New Haven	June 28, 1869	Monday
Pacific	87	Meriden	April 7, 1870	Wednesday
Crystal	88	Lyme	Sept. 27, 1871	Saturday
Townsend	89	Waterbury	Jan. 1, 1872	Monday
Oronoque	90	Stratford	Feb. 24, 1872	Friday
Humboldt	91	New Haven	Feb. 27, 1873	Tuesday
Schiller	92	Middletown	Feb. 11, 1874	Wednesday
Connecticut	93	Hartford	April 27, 1874	Wednesday
Lessing	94	Bridgeport	Dec. 14, 1874	Thursday
Teutonia	95	Meriden	April 21, 1875	2d & 4th Thurs
Gerstaecker	96	New Britain	June 3, 1875	Monday
Butler	97	So. Norwalk	Sept. 23, 1875	Wednesday
Beethoven	98	Hartford	April 27, 1876	2d & 4th Wed.
S. H. Harris	99	Bridgeport	Oct. 27, 1876	Monday
Centennial	100	Naugatuck	Nov. 22, 1876	Monday
Fairview	101	Groton	Nov. 20, 1893	Monday

*Re-instituted.

LIST OF REBEKAH LODGES

Name	No.	Locality.	When Instituted.	Nights of Meeting
Naomi	1	New Haven..	August 20, 1869.	2d and 4th Thurs.
Rachel	2	Meriden	March 31, 1870..	1st and 3d Tuesday
New Haven ...	3	New Haven..	April 15, 1870.. March 1, 1889*.	2d and 4th Wed.
Charity	4	Bridgeport ...	May 7, 1870.....	2d and 4th Thurs.
Sylvan	5	Seymour	Dec. 13, 1870... Dec. 1, 1890*...	1st and 3d Monday
Fidelity	6	Bridgeport ...	March 28, 1898..	1st and 3d Thursday
Esther	7	Meriden	April 6, 1871....	2d and 4th Tuesday
Winona	8	Waterbury ...	June 15, 1892...	2d and 4th Wed.
Ells-Woods ...	9	Ansonia	Dec. 29, 1891....	2d and 4th Thurs.
Lady Fenwick.	10	Essex	April 2, 1872..... March 31, 1902*	2d and 4th Monday
Stella	11	New Britain..	Sept. 5, 1873....	1st and 3d Friday
Priscilla	12	Middletown ..	March 15, 1897..	2d and 4th Tuesday
Freundschaft .	13	Bridgeport ...	Feb. 13, 1874...	2d and 4th Tuesday
Deborah	14	New Haven..	March 10, 1874..	1st and 3d Wed.
Columbia	15	New Haven..	April 16, 1874...	1st and 3d Tuesday
Myrtle	16	Danbury	July 8, 1876....	1st and 3d Tuesday
Union	17	Plantsville ...	Sept. 30, 1878...	1st and 3d Thurs.
Miriam	18	Hartford	Jan. 29, 1879....	1st and 3d Sat.
Eintracht	19	Meriden	July 7, 1880.....	1st and 3d Thurs.
Osprey	20	New London..	March 18, 1884..	2d and 4th Tuesday
Hope	21	Norwich	June 11, 1894....	1st and 3d Wed.
Evening Star..	22	Stratford	April 29, 1885..	1st and 3d Wed.
Isabelle.....	23	Milford	Feb. 22, 1887....	1st and 3d Thurs.
Ruth	24	Bristol	May 22, 1888...	1st and 3d Tuesday
Crystal	25	Winsted	April 15, 1889...	1st and 3d Thursday
Harmonie	26	Bridgeport ...	Feb. 3, 1891....	1st and 3d Tuesday
Orient	27	New London..	Sept. 21, 1891...	1st and 3d Thursday
Ruthie	28	Jewett City ..	April 8, 1908....	1st and 3d Tuesday
Aquilla	29	Wallingford ..	May 27, 1892....	2d and 4th Friday
Echo	30	Danbury	June 23, 1892...	1st and 3d Thurs.
Marion	31	Cheshire	Feb. 23, 1893....	2d and 4th Thurs.
Laurel	32	Stamford	March 2, 1893...	1st, 3d and 5th Wed.
Mizpah	33	Putnam	March 6, 1893...	2d and 4th Wed.
Myriad	34	Stafford Spgs.	April 10, 1912...	1st and 3d Wed.
Columbian	35	Naugatuck ...	June 6, 1893....	1st and 3d Wed.
Ivy	36	Glastonbury ..	March 6, 1894...	2d and 4th Wed.
Valley	37	Torrington ...	April 18, 1894...	2d and 4th Monday
Mayflower	38	Rockville	May 1, 1894....	2d and 4th Tuesday
Sunset	39	So. Manches'r	Dec. 27, 1894....	1st and 3d Monday
Maida	40	Guilford	March 25, 1895..	2d and 4th Monday
Magnolia	41	Bristol	Nov. 21, 1895...	2d and 4th Tuesday
Eureka	42	So. Norwalk..	Dec. 9, 1895.....	1st, 3d and 5th Fri.
Palm	43	New Milford.	April 11, 1905...	1st and 3d Wed.
Faith	44	Thomaston ...	April 23, 1896...	1st and 3d Tuesday
Martha	45	Plainville	April 29, 1896...	1st and 3d Monday
Venona	46	Stony Creek..	April 30, 1896...	1st and 3d Tuesday
Welcome	47	East Hartford	March 21, 1899..	1st, 3d and 5th Wed.
Anchor	48	So. Meriden..	May 1, 1899....	1st and 3d Wed.
Queen Esther..	49	Canaan	May 24, 1912....	2d and 4th Friday

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LIST OF REBEKAH LODGES--Continued.

Name	No.	Locality	When Instituted	Nights of Meeting
Home	50	Groton	Nov. 26, 1904...	2d and 4th Thurs.
Mary	51	Ridgefield ...	April 14, 1905...	1st and 3d Wed.
Hazel	52	New Canaan..	March 30, 1909..	2d and 4th Friday
Medora	53	Deep River...	June 25, 1909....	1st and 3d Wed.
Unity	54	New Britain..	Sept. 26, 1910...	2d and 4th Tuesday
Our Sisters ...	55	Norwalk	Jan. 15, 1913.....	1st, 3d & 5th Wed.
Mystic	56	Mystic	May 15, 1914.....	1st & 3d Friday
Violet	57	Willimantic ..	June 8, 1915.....	1st & 3d Monday
Nesis	58	E. Hampton .	Feb. 28, 1916.....	1st & 3rd Wed.
Dorcas	59	Danielson	May 5, 1916.....	2nd and 4th Friday

Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns of Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F.

MEMBERSHIP

LODGE	No.	Members Dec. 31, 1915	ADD: For Previous Error	ADD: Initiated	ADD: Admitted by Card	ADD: Reinstated	Total	DEDUCT: For Previous Error	DEDUCT: Withdrawn	DEDUCT: Suspended	DEDUCT: Transferred to Non-contributing List	DEDUCT: Expelled	DEDUCT: Deceased	DEDUCT: Total to be Deducted	Contributing Members June 30, 1916	Non-contributing Members	Number of Past Grands	Degrees Conferred
Quinnipiac	1	281		6			287		1	1			2	4	283	2	57	20
Charter Oak	2	685		7	4		696		2	3			4	9	687	1	54	21
Middlesex	3	63		1			64			1			3	4	60		27	2
Pequonnock	4	513		13			526		2	7			9	18	508	7	47	39
Harmony	5	243		6			249			5	1		1	7	242	10	73	16
Ousatonic	6	299		7			306		1	1				2	304	2	60	21
Samaritan	7	322		2			324						1	1	323		46	6
Empire	8	116		1			117			4				4	113		23	3
L. A. Thomas	9	102		3			105		1				1	2	103		61	9
Our Brothers	10	449		5	2		456		2				2	4	452	1	64	14
Uncas	11	289		3			292						5	5	287		75	9
Central	12	383		12			395		2	2			4	8	387	2	46	36
Tycho Brahe	13	247		1			248			3				3	245		45	3
Wopowage	14	121		3			124						2	2	122	3	52	6
Montewese	15	131		3			134			2			1	3	131	5	40	9
Obwebetuck	16	151			2		153						1	1	152		27	10
Niantic	17	156		7			163						3	3	160		58	20
Progressive	18	401		9		2	412						4	4	408		42	29
Protection	19	112		21			133						1	1	132		24	57
Fenwick	20	125		8	1		134		1	1			2	4	130		34	24
Nosahogan	21	888		5			893		2	5			6	13	880		56	15
Thames	22	132		3			135	1		1				2	133		25	9
Palisado	23	131		4	1		136								136		19	6
Rippowam	24	439		9			448		1	6			4	11	437		48	22
Crescent	25	313		5	1	3	322		2	2			2	6	316		38	17
Stonington	26	348		4	2		354			12			2	14	340		49	12
Shetucket	27	242		5			247		2				2	4	243	1	66	15
Hancock	28	212		1		1	214		1	2			1	4	210		43	3
Reliance	29	77		2			79		1					1	78		27	6
Clifton	30	306		3			309		1				2	3	306	1	51	9
King David	31	429		8	2		439		1				1	2	437		43	24
Wauseon	32	62		2			64		2					2	62		26	
Israel Putnam	33	256		14	1		271			5			3	8	263		29	42
Quinebaug	34	112		15			127		1				2	3	124		27	52
Portland	35	97			2		99								99		28	
City	36	420		5			425			13	1		8	22	403	5	55	15
Wooster	37	216		4		1	221			5			3	8	213		57	12
Monitor	38	274		6			280		1	1			1	3	277		29	18
Croswell	39	177		5			182			9			2	11	171		35	18
Svea	40	209		7			216			5				5	211		26	21
Arcanum	41	365		6			371			3	1		4	8	363	1	56	18
Franklin	42	161		1	1		163		1				1	2	161		56	3
Puritan	43	423		3	1		427		4	32				36	391		44	11
Scandia	44	105		1			106			3				3	103		19	3
Summit	45	531		10	1		542		2	6			4	12	530		37	33
Pilgrim	46	126		4			130			5				5	125		38	12
Andree	47	401		13		1	415			4			1	5	410		29	39

of Connecticut, for the term ending June 30, 1915

MEMBERSHIP

LODGE	No.	Members Dec. 31, 1915	Add: For previous Error	Add: Initiated	Add: Admitted by Card	Add: Reinstated	Total	Deduct: For previous Error	Deduct: Withdrawn	Deduct: Suspended	Deduct: Transferred to Non-contributing List	Deduct: Expelled	Deduct: Deceased	Deduct: Total to be Deducted	Contributing Members June 30, 1915	Non-contributing Members	Number of Past Grands	Degrees Conferred
Pequabock	48	201	....	1	....	..	202	....	..	4	....	..	1	5	197	2	61	5
Rising Star	49	133	....	27	....	..	160	....	..	....	....	..	2	2	158	....	36	81
Canaan	50	78	....	14	....	..	92	....	..	....	....	..	1	1	91	....	11	42
Ridgely	51	453	....	15	1	..	469	....	..	2	....	..	....	2	467	....	62	45
Phenix	52	306	....	5	....	..	311	....	..	1	....	..	....	1	310	3	58	15
Elm	53	115	....	....	....	..	115	....	2	2	....	..	1	5	110	....	34	....
Bell	54	95	....	3	....	..	98	....	1	2	....	..	1	4	94	....	19	24
Mohegan	55	351	....	6	3	2	362	....	..	1	1	..	2	4	358	4	53	19
Friendship	56	168	....	2	....	..	170	....	1	4	....	..	....	5	165	....	13	6
Stephen Terry	59	402	....	10	....	1	413	....	..	6	....	..	1	7	406	....	44	30
Menuncatuck	62	182	....	10	....	..	192	....	..	1	....	..	....	1	191	....	45	30
Naugatuck	63	281	....	6	....	..	287	5	..	3	....	..	6	14	273	2	55	18
Eclectic	64	121	....	....	....	..	121	....	..	....	....	..	1	1	120	....	15	....
Good Shepherd	65	211	....	18	2	1	232	....	2	....	....	..	1	3	229	....	44	66
John Ericsson	67	480	....	17	....	..	497	....	..	6	....	..	2	8	489	....	35	51
Meriden Center	68	191	....	4	1	..	196	....	..	2	....	..	4	6	190	8	47	12
Accanant	71	168	....	3	....	1	172	....	..	10	....	..	1	11	161	2	56	9
Lexington	72	339	....	7	2	..	339	....	..	8	....	..	1	9	330	....	53	23
Mechanics	73	341	....	7	1	..	349	....	..	4	....	..	1	5	344	2	78	23
Sequassen	74	115	....	3	....	2	120	....	..	5	....	..	....	5	115	....	40	9
Eureka	75	217	....	4	1	..	222	....	1	....	....	..	2	3	219	....	53	12
Polar Star	77	194	....	1	....	1	196	....	1	2	....	..	....	3	193	....	55	4
Germania	78	242	....	6	....	..	248	....	..	4	....	..	6	10	238	....	52	9
Adelphian	80	418	....	13	....	1	432	....	..	....	....	..	7	7	425	....	34	39
Webb	81	160	....	3	....	..	163	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	163	....	50	9
Hartford	82	370	....	16	1	..	387	1	..	....	....	..	3	4	383	....	52	48
Steuben	83	132	....	....	....	..	132	....	1	1	....	..	5	7	125	....	37	....
Seaside	84	61	....	....	....	..	61	....	..	1	....	..	1	2	59	....	29	....
Pequot	85	445	....	6	....	..	451	....	..	6	....	..	3	9	442	....	55	23
Relief	86	408	....	23	3	..	434	....	..	....	....	..	1	1	433	4	38	62
Pacific	87	113	....	2	1	..	116	....	..	1	....	..	2	3	113	5	28	6
Crystal	88	110	....	....	....	..	110	....	1	....	....	..	....	1	109	....	35	5
Townsend	89	791	....	9	....	..	800	....	2	13	....	..	5	20	780	....	71	27
Oronoque	90	201	....	2	....	..	203	....	..	1	....	..	....	1	202	....	47	8
Humboldt	91	283	....	5	....	..	288	....	..	2	....	..	6	8	280	....	42	12
Schiller	92	75	....	1	....	..	76	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	76	....	21	3
Connecticut	93	309	....	8	....	..	317	....	1	6	1	..	2	10	307	1	49	25
Lessing	94	145	....	1	1	..	147	....	..	1	....	..	2	3	144	....	43	3
Teutonia	95	78	....	2	....	..	80	....	..	2	....	..	3	5	75	....	20	6
Gerstaecker	96	154	....	....	....	..	154	....	..	1	....	..	....	1	153	....	52	....
Butler	97	409	....	12	1	..	422	....	1	6	....	..	6	13	409	1	52	35
Beethoven	98	109	....	3	....	1	113	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	113	....	33	20
Samuel H. Harris	99	707	....	22	....	..	729	....	2	....	....	..	6	8	721	1	58	66
Centennial	100	278	....	6	....	1	285	....	1	3	....	..	2	6	279	....	57	16
Fairview	101	319	....	11	2	..	332	....	3	....	....	..	3	6	326	....	43	30
Total	...	24091	....	577	41	19	24728	7	54	260	5	..	186	512	24216	76	3976	1765

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LODGE	No.	Receipts					Brothers Relieved	Widowed Families Relieved	Brothers Buried
		Dues	Admis'ns and Degrees	Rents and Invested Funds	All other Sources	Total Receipts			
Quinnipiac	1	$1150.50	$78.00	.....	$ .25	$1228.75	19	....	2
Charter Oak	2	2840.16	228.00	$915.20	449.24	4432.60	46	1	6
Middlesex	3	193.55	14.00	.....	.....	207.55	5	....	2
Pequonnock	4	2385.01	328.00	744.53	278.57	3736.11	45	....	11
Harmony	5	1032.55	69.00	.....	139.75	1241.30	17	....	1
Ousatonic	6	1296.25	159.00	514.14	13.00	1982.39	12	....	....
Samaritan	7	1201.25	36.00	211.34	14.00	1462.59	20	....	1
Empire	8	287.00	15.00	262.50	.....	564.50	8	....	....
L. A. Thomas	9	307.50	55.50	70.00	.25	433.25	2	....	....
Our Brothers	10	1421.75	72.00	660.72	30.50	2184.97	27	3	2
Uncas	11	406.62	72.00	92.28	10.00	580.90	23	....	5
Central	12	1487.55	186.00	244.31	.....	1917.86	26	....	4
Tycho Brahe	13	885.17	15.00	88.59	7.97	996.73	14	....	....
Wopowage	14	429.50	29.00	86.41	.....	544.91	10	....	4
Montewese	15	512.00	36.00	81.25	.....	629.25	11	....	1
Obwebetuck	16	462.50	33.00	15.31	2.25	513.06	10	....	1
Niantic	17	375.00	73.00	83.81	.....	531.81	18	....	3
Progressive	18	1370.67	208.00	240.44	20.00	1839.11	18	....	5
Protection	19	341.00	303.00	.....	.....	644.00	2	....	1
Fenwick	20	378.50	118.00	78.94	.....	575.44	4	....	....
Nosahogan	21	4178.40	103.00	1476.95	1.00	5759.35	49	....	0
Thames	22	344.50	43.00	64.21	.....	451.71	3	....	....
Palisado	23	418.50	70.00	90.00	.....	578.50	9	....	....
Rippowam	24	1651.84	135.50	441.74	15.73	2244.81	29	1	4
Crescent	25	706.50	106.00	21.66	74.30	908.46	17	....	2
Stonington	26	996.50	66.00	264.66	8.35	1335.51	25	....	4
Shetucket	27	854.00	115.00	50.74	.....	1019.74	15	....	1
Hancock	28	742.15	13.00	37.78	94.15	887.08	9	....	....
Reliance	29	283.00	36.00	82.22	10.00	411.22	3	....	....
Clifton	30	1321.32	45.00	2274.25	47.45	3688.02	16	....	1
King David	31	1246.50	145.00	408.90	84.60	1885.00	22	....	1
Wauseon	32	165.50	20.00	19.37	59.32	264.19	3	....	....
Israel Putnam	33	892.50	288.00	183.64	.....	1364.14	10	....	4
Quinebaug	34	412.50	164.00	76.00	.....	652.50	5	....	1
Portland	35	215.50	.....	37.50	98.48	351.48	1	....	4
City	36	1390.00	96.00	491.12	687.81	2664.93	36	....	10
Wooster	37	756.35	66.00	1205.00	1000.00	3027.35	22	....	3
Monitor	38	793.50	105.00	202.16	.....	1100.66	17	1	1
Croswell	39	665.57	68.00	100.11	.....	833.68	5	....	2
Svea	40	693.00	91.00	81.02	.25	865.27	16	....	....
Arcanum	41	1675.54	102.00	346.93	16.77	2141.24	22	2	3
Franklin	42	641.77	18.00	31.00	5.25	696.02	8	....	1
Puritan	43	1424.60	51.00	.....	200.01	1675.61	10	....	....
Scandia	44	400.00	11.00	47.60	.....	458.60	4	....	....
Summit	45	1872.52	195.00	252.47	1.00	2320.99	28	....	4
Pilgrim	46	485.00	47.00	154.28	.....	686.28	5	....	....
Andree	47	1437.55	164.00	186.84	.50	1788.89	22	....	1

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Weeks Benefits Paid	Paid for Relief: Brothers (Weekly Benefits)	Widowed Families	Orphans	Burying the Dead	Special Relief and I.O.O.F. Home Tax	Total Relief	Total Expenses other than Relief	Total Invested Funds	Lodge No.
281	$ 724.00	.....	.....	$ 86.00	$ 180.30	$ 990.30	$ 495.97	$13969.55	1
499	1996.00	$2.10	.....	300.00	427.05	2725.15	2475.71	26656.59	2
77	135.00	.....	.....	60.00	9.30	204.30	73.55	3677.80	3
509	1395.00	.....	.....	777.00	772.66	2945.16	948.94	33890.73	4
261	546.00	.....	.....	50.00	58.20	654.20	480.57	14311.47	5
159	382.00	.....	.....	.....	93.85	475.85	921.13	12499.16	6
200	521.00	.....	.....	100.00	129.66	750.66	546.56	6361.15	7
26	104.00	.....	.....	.....	17.10	121.10	302.32	3725.90	8
9	36.00	.....	.....	.....	39.85	75.85	284.18	4372.43	9
297	782.00	97.00	.....	100.00	103.36	1082.36	745.60	33159.15	10
242	608.50	.....	.....	200.00	73.52	882.02	311.92	5115.90	11
290	637.00	.....	.....	200.00	82.45	919.45	835.76	10512.63	12
112	332.00	.....	.....	.....	74.05	406.05	317.07	4452.87	13
53	186.00	.....	.....	200.00	90.15	476.15	187.70	5459.12	14
93	257.00	.....	.....	75.00	39.95	371.95	232.15	4068.08	15
63	198.00	.....	.....	50.00	58.65	306.65	435.41	3996.41	16
171	375.00	.....	.....	150.00	208.40	733.40	159.18	7152.99	17
147	479.00	.....	.....	500.00	330.15	1309.15	1073.55	19240.65	18
3	12.00	.....	.....	99.01	31.80	142.81	175.59	3439.34	19
35	100.00	.....	$22.45	.....	69.60	192.05	275.68	3690.99	20
384	1427.00	.....	.....	600.00	889.76	2916.76	1415.02	44912.60	21
25	68.00	.....	.....	.....	29.80	97.80	233.11	4432.40	22
48	190.00	.....	.....	.....	19.65	209.65	360.40	3382.15	23
225	755.00	39.00	.....	327.50	224.90	1346.40	1257.78	15718.53	24
151	446.00	.....	.....	81.00	73.95	600.95	295.31	6451.75	25
158	556.00	.....	.....	175.00	217.70	948.70	331.53	12070.33	26
199	454.00	.....	.....	50.00	43.80	547.80	372.34	5538.63	27
99	249.43	.....	.....	100.00	31.80	381.23	403.36	6530.33	28
9	36.00	.....	.....	.....	11.55	47.55	331.07	1967.81	29
153	392.00	.....	.....	150.00	75.60	617.60	3398.17	11618.53	30
176	512.32	.....	.....	50.00	64.35	626.67	1526.32	13239.21	31
29	106.00	.....	.....	.....	9.30	115.30	150.12	1761.81	32
43	136.00	.....	.....	200.00	49.20	385.20	881.76	7349.81	33
36	69.00	.....	.....	45.50	43.05	157.55	246.72	1691.21	34
.....	12.00	.....	.....	.....	14.55	26.55	337.27	1950.75	35
499	1207.00	.....	.....	919.80	177.85	2304.65	590.39	18883.00	36
234	420.00	.....	.....	150.00	102.40	672.40	2064.82	20508.70	37
108	429.50	20.00	.....	50.00	106.10	605.60	341.98	9512.06	38
18	90.00	.....	.....	162.00	20.70	272.70	315.45	4995.59	39
65	322.92	.....	.....	.....	44.35	367.27	226.67	5195.95	40
200	700.00	50.00	.....	225.00	222.97	1197.97	848.41	27095.67	41
63	122.00	.....	.....	100.00	24.15	246.15	243.94	2636.45	42
140	494.00	.....	.....	.....	225.29	719.29	1243.99	10622.79	43
26	130.45	.....	.....	.....	33.75	164.20	184.84	3609.65	44
241	850.00	.....	5.69	200.00	170.96	1226.65	681.92	13480.04	45
52	96.00	.....	.....	.....	124.00	220.00	148.72	7300.94	46
189	662.50	.....	.....	150.00	161.15	973.65	362.78	11097.60	47

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		Dues	Admis'ns and Degrees	Rents and Invested Funds	All other Sources	Total Receipts			
Pequabock	48	$806.50	$ 23.00	$ 34.91	$ 72.85	$ 937.26	16	....	1
Rising Star	49	559.50	558.00	113.48	50.30	1281.28	10		2
Canaan	50	265.00	173.00	222.08	19.74	679.82	3	....	1
Ridgely	51	1763.65	250.50	359.95	88.50	2462.60	19	1	3
Phenix	52	1160.68	70.00	19.00	1.00	1250.68	23	....	1
Elm	53	364.00	.....	192.82	.....	556.82	8	....	....
Bell	54	306.00	83.00	35.15	2.40	426.55	6	....	1
Mohegan	55	1239.50	147.00	28.24	.....	1414.74	18	....	2
Friendship	56	792.17	35.00	200.63	.....	1027.80	6	....	....
Stephen Terry	59	1720.75	160.00	228.63	34.31	2143.69	26	1	1
Menuncatuck	62	469.50	136.00	211.10	.....	816.60	9	....	....
Naugatuck	63	1021.00	102.00	414.98	64.20	1602.18	17	1	6
Eclectic	64	372.00	.....	63.96	.....	435.96	6	1	1
Good Shepherd	65	639.50	300.00	255.54	.50	1195.54	16	....	1
John Ericsson	67	1478.00	258.00	171.34	.....	1907.34	29	....	4
Meriden Center	68	742.20	56.00	711.06	118.75	1628.01	12	....	4
Accanant	71	508.13	45.00	281.36	.....	834.49	5	1	1
Lexington	72	944.50	102.00	93.07	.....	1139.57	13	....	1
Mechanics	73	1350.00	105.00	531.52	10.00	1996.52	22	....	1
Sequassen	74	311.50	48.00	9.22	6.65	375.37	5	....	....
Eureka	75	831.00	50.00	180.38	1.00	1062.38	21	....	2
Polar Star	77	796.40	18.00	303.65	5.10	1123.15	21	....	....
Germania	78	1236.05	76.00	377.50	1.00	1690.55	33	1	6
Adelphian	80	1592.47	236.00	220.72	83.00	2132.19	17	....	7
Webb	81	366.00	42.00	127.28	25.47	560.75	10	....	....
Hartford	82	1455.05	350.50	124.80	13.00	1943.35	33	....	3
Steuben	83	515.00	5.00	602.99	.25	1123.24	15	....	8
Seaside	84	230.50	.....	146.55	.....	377.05	5	....	1
Pequot	85	1676.75	156.00	108.00	75.17	2015.92	24	....	3
Relief	86	1507.35	256.00	624.56	.75	2388.66	17	....	1
Pacific	87	413.50	46.00	31.99	1.07	492.56	10	....	1
Crystal	88	311.50	10.00	25.00	.25	346.75	8	....	....
Townsend	89	3594.00	147.00	152.00	4.50	3897.50	38	....	5
Oronoque	90	598.50	38.00	176.57	.....	813.07	13	....	1
Humboldt	91	1399.60	55.00	256.25	1.00	1711.85	48	....	6
Schiller	92	212.35	12.00	51.36	.....	275.71	1	....	....
Connecticut	93	1229.95	179.00	310.99	.....	1719.94	19	....	2
Lessing	94	549.30	17.00	541.71	.....	1108.01	13	....	4
Teutonia	95	317.65	32.00	148.62	.....	498.27	9	....	3
Gerstaecker	96	569.50	.....	165.79	.....	735.29	6	....	....
Butler	97	1682.90	185.00	326.31	1012.72	3206.93	27	....	5
Beethoven	98	435.60	65.00	186.30	.25	687.15	10	....	....
Samuel H. Harris.	99	3018.82	399.00	808.26	66.50	4292.58	47	....	6
Centennial	100	1190.62	82.00	556.75	277.93	2107.30	13	....	3
Fairview	101	1091.00	203.00	117.19	.....	1411.19	31	....	3
Total	...	$89064.08	$8902.00	$23867.48	$5408.91	$128142.47	1506	13	202

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Weeks Benefits Paid	Paid for Relief						Total Expenses other than Relief	Total Invested Funds	Lodge No.
	Brothers (Weekly Benefits)	Widowed Families	Orphans	Burying the Dead	Special Relief and I.O.O.F Home Tax	Total Relief			
178	$579.00	.....	.....	$150.00	$133.15	$862.15	$310.81	$2095.80	48
88	401.00	.....	.....	60.00	28.95	489.95	568.58	5041.03	49
3	12.00	.....	.....	65.63	11.70	89.33	401.58	1577.43	50
107	456.00	$25.00	.....	75.00	439.95	995.95	1293.47	15854.35	51
301	587.50	.....	.....	75.00	237.45	899.95	394.22	3093.59	52
68	100.00	.....	.....	.....	47.25	147.25	163.75	4301.39	53
37	148.00	.....	.....	70.00	14.25	232.25	293.55	2181.43	54
230	911.00	.....	.....	200.00	112.65	1223.65	406.24	15575.31	55
86	267.00	.....	.....	.....	50.20	317.20	425.74	4278.05	56
207	558.00	30.00	.....	100.00	250.39	938.39	858.22	12026.51	59
46	106.00	.....	.....	.....	27.30	133.30	445.62	12791.53	62
149	507.00	26.00	.....	435.00	131.90	1099.90	659.22	10762.89	63
20	62.00	24.00	.....	50.00	30.15	166.15	106.09	4401.84	64
139	398.00	.....	.....	99.00	56.65	553.65	632.90	6747.10	65
193	761.00	.....	.....	175.00	255.15	1191.15	644.67	14983.48	67
174	336.00	.....	.....	200.00	44.65	580.65	1006.03	14663.91	68
48	140.00	52.00	.....	50.00	25.20	267.20	467.29	3396.84	71
59	280.00	.....	.....	100.00	86.50	466.50	380.88	8621.29	72
232	623.00	.....	.....	75.00	333.02	1031.02	857.66	15714.00	73
31	124.00	.....	.....	.....	16.95	140.95	159.77	1171.54	74
207	524.00	.....	.....	195.00	108.55	827.55	305.33	9167.39	75
173	622.00	.....	.....	.....	72.50	694.50	516.38	2281.56	77
391	1053.00	50.00	.....	900.00	37.65	2040.65	734.13	15472.52	78
110	506.00	.....	.....	550.00	294.32	1350.32	890.96	16502.68	80
66	318.00	.....	.....	.....	61.85	379.85	238.16	2751.92	81
293	866.00	.....	.....	181.00	166.75	1213.75	758.08	10513.43	82
204	503.00	.....	.....	470.00	35.40	1008.40	630.55	10843.49	83
19	76.00	.....	.....	45.00	9.15	130.15	278.72	2036.36	84
330	960.50	.....	.....	320.00	220.50	1501.00	621.55	20897.46	85
159	555.00	.....	.....	66.00	86.20	707.20	1484.43	6794.44	86
169	344.00	.....	.....	30.00	37.65	411.65	226.51	2086.22	87
38	142.00	.....	.....	.....	26.50	168.50	209.07	1783.48	88
273	1184.00	.....	.....	500.00	1069.51	2753.51	1341.25	38126.39	89
115	479.50	.....	.....	50.00	42.99	572.49	193.10	4505.06	90
238	658.00	.....	.....	600.00	90.70	1348.70	419.75	12648.28	91
3	12.00	.....	.....	.....	11.25	23.25	137.40	3908.43	92
178	624.00	.....	.....	100.00	98.00	822.00	602.50	14176.45	93
71	332.50	.....	.....	432.00	38.10	802.60	526.40	6185.65	94
150	291.00	.....	.....	150.00	12.15	453.15	178.85	3631.42	95
53	263.55	.....	.....	.....	93.85	357.40	186.92	8731.32	96
259	558.00	.....	.....	375.00	136.25	1069.25	1938.68	13987.22	97
104	255.00	.....	.....	.....	16.05	271.05	336.49	6166.28	98
477	1624.00	.....	.....	533.00	405.97	2562.97	930.19	43247.00	99
112	345.00	.....	.....	329.00	314.44	988.44	873.63	18158.84	100
238	840.00	.....	.....	316.00	47.85	1203.85	338.90	7064.61	101
13909	$42031.67	$415.10	(2) $28.14	$14804.44	$11970.22	$69249.57	$55356.95	$934854.41	

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MEMBERSHIP

LODGE	No.	Members June 30, 1915	Add: For previous Error	Add: Initiated	Add: Admitted by Card	Add: Reinstated	Total	Deduct: For previous Error	Deduct: Withdrawn	Deduct: Suspended	Deduct: Transferred to Non-contributing List	Deduct: Expelled	Deduct: Deceased	Deduct: Total to be Deducted	Contributing Members Dec. 31, 1915	Non-contributing Members	Number of Past Grands	Degrees Conferred
Quinnipiac	1	283		9			292			3			2	5	287	2	58	24
Charter Oak	2	687		13	1		701			3			3	6	695	1	55	39
Middlesex	3	60		5			65						2	2	63		26	16
Pequonnock	4	508	1	2			511			3	1		4	8	503	8		
Harmony	5	242		3	1	1	247		2				6	8	239	10	73	8
Ousatonic	6	304		11			315		1	2			2	5	310	2	59	21
Samaritan	7	323		1			324			9			3	12	312		46	3
Empire	8	113		3			116			1			1	2	114		24	7
L. A. Thomas	9	103		2			105								105		62	4
Our Brothers	10	452		1			453		2				4	6	447	1	63	3
Uncas	11	287		7			294			3			3	6	288		76	21
Central	12	387		2	1		390			3			4	7	383	2	47	6
Tycho Brahe	13	245		5	1		251			1		1	1	3	248		43	13
Wopowage	14	122					122								122	3	53	3
Montewese	15	131		2			133			4			4	8	125	5	41	5
Obwebetuck	16	152		7	2	1	162		1				1	2	160		28	15
Niantic	17	160		4			164						3	3	161		59	13
Progressive	18	408		2	1	2	413		2	6			3	11	402		43	3
Protection	19	132		3			135			1			3	4	131		25	15
Fenwick	20	130		9			139		1					1	138		35	27
Nosahogan	21	880		24			904			1			4	5	899		56	69
Thames	22	133		2			135								135		26	6
Palisado	23	136					136								136		20	6
Rippowam	24	437		4	1		442			21			8	29	413		47	12
Crescent	25	316		5			321		3				2	5	316		39	20
Stonington	26	340		22		2	364		1	2	1		1	5	359	1	50	66
Shetucket	27	243		1	1		245			3			2	5	240	1	67	3
Hancock	28	210					210		1	2				3	207		42	
Reliance	29	78		1			79								79		28	2
Clifton	30	306		8			314			2				2	312		51	15
King David	31	437		1			438								438		44	2
Wauseon	32	62		8		1	71			3				3	68		27	24
Israel Putnam	33	263		10	1		274		1					1	273		30	30
Quinebaug	34	124		2			126								126		28	15
Portland	35	99		1			100			10				10	90		26	3
City	36	403		5			408			3			5	8	400	4	55	14
Wooster	37	213			1		214		2	5			2	9	205		50	
Monitor	38	277		7	1		285			1		1	3	5	280		31	21
Croswell	39	171		12	1		184						1	1	183		36	24
Svea	40	211		8			219		1					1	218		27	24
Arcanum	41	363		6	2	1	372			4			2	6	366	1	57	18
Franklin	42	161					161		1				1	2	159		57	
Puritan	43	391		6			397		1	18			2	21	376		39	15
Scandia	44	103		2			105			2			2	4	101		20	6
Summit	45	530		10	1		541		1	12			3	16	525		37	30
Pilgrim	46	125					125							1	124		39	
Andree	47	410		9			419		1	1				2	417		30	27

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LODGE	No.	Members June 30, 1915	Add: For previous Error	Add: Initiated	Add: Admitted by Card	Add: Reinstated	Total	Deduct: For previous Error	Deduct: Withdrawn	Deduct: Suspended	Deduct: Transferred to Non-contributing List	Deduct: Expelled	Deduct: Deceased	Deduct: Total to be Deducted	Contributing Members Dec. 31, 1915	Non-contributing Members	Number of Past Grands	Degrees Conferred
Pequabock	48	197	2	1		2	202		1	3			3	7	195	2	62	3
Rising Star	49	158		1			159						1	1	158		37	3
Canaan	50	91		4			95								95		12	8
Ridgely	51	467		8	1		476		2	1			1	4	472		63	12
Phenix	52	310		5			315		1	7			4	12	303	3	56	13
Elm	53	110		2			112			3			2	5	107		34	4
Bell	54	94		4			98								98		22	12
Mohegan	55	358		12			370		1	7			4	12	358	4	53	38
Friendship	56	165		4			169			1			1	2	167		13	12
Stephen Terry	59	406		5			411						2	2	409		45	15
Menuncatuck	62	191		3			194			1				1	193		46	9
Naugatuck	63	273		2			275		1	3			5	9	266	2	54	6
Eclectic	64	120					120			3				3	117		15	
Good Shepherd	65	229		5			234		2				2	4	230		45	15
John Ericsson	67	489		4			493			11			3	14	479		35	12
Meriden Center	68	190					190						2	2	188	8	48	
Accanant	71	161		1			162								162	2	57	3
Lexington	72	330		9	1	2	342			10			1	11	331		54	24
Mechanics	73	344		5			349						2	2	347	2	79	12
Sequassen	74	115		3	1		119								119		40	9
Eureka	75	219		1			220			1			2	3	217		56	3
Polar Star	77	193		2			195		1	1			1	3	192		53	6
Germania	78	238		8			246		1	1			5	7	239		51	30
Adelphian	80	425		9			434			14			1	15	419		34	26
Webb	81	163		3			166						4	4	162		51	3
Hartford	82	383		7			390						7	7	383		53	18
Steuben	83	125		4			129		1				7	8	121		34	4
Seaside	84	59					59						1	1	58		28	
Pequot	85	442		11			453		1	5			1	7	446		55	30
Relief	86	433		20	2		455			21			2	23	432	4	35	52
Pacific	87	113		2			115								115	5	28	6
Crystal	88	109		4			113								113		100	7
Townsend	89	780		17	2	2	801			6		1	4	11	790		70	51
Oronoque	90	202		1			203			6	1		2	9	194	1	47	3
Humboldt	91	280		1			281			2			8	10	271		43	1
Schiller	92	76					76			2			1	3	73		21	
Connecticut	93	307		2	1		310			3			6	9	301	1	50	6
Lessing	94	144		1			145			1			1	2	143		43	3
Teutonia	95	75					75	1		1			4	6	69		18	
Gerstaecker	96	153		6			159			1			6	7	152		53	18
Butler	97	409		4	2		415		1	2			7	10	405	1	53	13
Beethoven	98	113		1			114						2	2	112		31	3
Samuel H. Harris	99	721		11			732		1	4			5	10	722	1	59	33
Centennial	100	279		7			286		1	1				2	284		57	23
Fairview	101	326		9			335						3	3	332		44	30
Total		24216	3	454	26	14	24713	1	37	252	3	3	200	496	24217	77	4019	1277

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LODGE	No.	Receipts					Brothers Relieved	Widowed Families Relieved	Brothers Buried
		Dues	Admis'ns and Degrees	Rents and Invested Funds	All other Sources	Total Receipts			
Quinnipiac	1	$1053.75	$109.00	$300.00	.....	$1462.75	14	....	2
Charter Oak	2	2386.33	333.00	633.50	$ 82.00	3434.83	45	1	....
Middlesex	3	165.75	94.50	142.46	.....	402.71	3	....	3
Pequonnock	4	1611.36	41.00	897.71	380.93	2841.00	38	2	5
Harmony	5	838.00	36.00	.....	343.75	1217.75	21	....	3
Ousatonic	6	1119.00	137.00	502.76	39.45	1798.21	27	....	3
Samaritan	7	1201.50	18.00	179.26	2.00	1400.76	24	....	1
Empire	8	262.50	44.00	395.80	.....	702.30	1	....	1
L. A. Thomas	9	257.00	25.00	12.50	.....	294.50	3	....	....
Our Brothers	10	1133.12	15.00	710.65	.25	1859.02	28	3	3
Uncas	11	880.35	159.00	92.28	.....	1131.63	17	....	3
Central	12	1466.95	39.00	274.98	25.21	1806.14	23	....	4
Tycho Brahe	13	764.00	71.00	55.98	9.89	900.87	9	....	1
Wopowage	14	421.00	7.00	77.56	.....	505.56	5	....	....
Montewese	15	453.65	22.00	81.25	.....	556.90	12	....	2
Obwebetuck	16	354.00	168.00	152.37	26.50	700.87	7	....	1
Niantic	17	480.70	54.00	95.25	108.34	738.29	10	....	3
Progressive	18	1464.67	30.00	111.60	4.00	1610.27	17	....	3
Protection	19	282.13	60.00	19.35	.....	361.48	8	....	2
Fenwick	20	387.50	130.00	98.78	.....	616.28	3	....	....
Nosahogan	21	2923.15	441.00	763.59	15.00	4142.74	44	1	4
Thames	22	389.00	14.00	69.09	1000.00	1472.09	3	....	....
Palisado	23	365.00	20.00	89.80	.....	474.80	7	....	....
Rippowam	24	1558.85	73.00	175.44	12.75	1820.04	19	1	6
Crescent	25	582.50	71.00	.....	35.50	689.00	12	....	2
Stonington	26	1153.50	339.00	782.64	1504.25	3779.39	17	....	1
Shetucket	27	932.67	23.00	29.42	1.00	986.09	18	....	1
Hancock	28	800.60	.....	145.98	35.49	982.07	14	....	....
Reliance	29	247.00	12.00	59.58	32.25	350.83	3	....	....
Clifton	30	1083.01	94.00	1593.00	.60	2770.61	13	....	....
King David	31	1211.50	21.00	369.06	3.30	1604.86	22	....	....
Wauseon	32	178.50	137.00	19.00	.....	334.50	3	....	....
Israel Putnam	33	570.00	165.00	197.22	.....	932.72	7	....	....
Quinebaug	34	231.50	39.00	51.00	.....	321.50	7	....	....
Portland	35	126.50	16.00	212.26	99.48	454.24	4	....	....
City	36	1292.00	81.00	439.70	.....	1812.70	34	....	7
Wooster	37	621.50	.....	1145.25	2.75	1769.50	12	....	2
Monitor	38	817.50	146.00	180.88	.....	1144.38	16	1	3
Croswell	39	714.18	138.00	105.11	.....	957.29	8	....	....
Svea	40	519.00	96.00	81.34	.....	696.34	16	4	....
Arcanum	41	1341.53	112.00	505.45	8.00	1966.98	17	2	3
Franklin	42	607.18	.....	126.37	.25	733.80	12	....	1
Puritan	43	1545.52	87.00	.....	385.65	2018.17	16	....	2
Scandia	44	298.95	24.00	52.33	.....	375.28	5	1	....
Summit	45	1811.05	181.00	223.06	.50	2215.61	24	1	3
Pilgrim	46	412.00	.....	158.24	.....	570.24	5	....	....
Andree	47	1356.80	109.00	.....	6.25	1472.05	22	3	....

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Weeeks Benefits Paid	Paid for Relief						Total Expenses other than Relief	Total Invested Funds	Lodge No.
	Brothers (Weekly Benefits)	Widowed Families	Orphans	Burying the Dead	Special Relief and I O.O.F. Home Tax	Total Relief			
257	$ 542.00	.....	.....	$165.00	$ 42.15	$ 749.15	$ 385.71	$14297.44	1
535	2038.25	$ 2.00	.....	.....	213.75	2304.00	2055.13	25732.29	2
32	42.00	.....	.....	90.00	9.45	141.45	85.90	3853.16	3
481	1275.50	110.50	.....	322.00	586.60	2294.60	506.10	33931.03	4
387	699.00	.....	.....	195.00	36.30	930.30	395.70	14203.22	5
153	382.00	.....	.....	225.00	426.35	1033.35	816.87	12447.15	6
35	462.00	.....	.....	100.00	114.45	676.45	550.65	6534.81	7
7	28.00	.....	.....	50.00	17.40	95.40	443.20	3889.60	8
9	36.00	.....	.....	.....	15.30	51.30	106.79	4508.84	9
367	955.00	76.00	.....	150.00	83.35	1264.35	632.14	33121.68	10
239	563.00	.....	.....	100.00	43.35	706.35	306.17	5235.01	11
279	525.00	.....	.....	200.00	88.05	813.05	745.94	10759.78	12
93	267.00	.....	.....	50.00	91.10	408.10	292.33	4581.53	13
41	113.00	.....	.....	.....	87.30	200.30	269.47	5494.91	14
83	284.00	.....	.....	150.00	19.65	453.65	215.65	3955.68	15
53	158.00	.....	.....	50.00	28.80	236.80	373.97	4086.51	16
133	296.00	.....	.....	150.00	50.40	496.40	459.96	7192.42	17
196	552.00	.....	.....	300.00	358.45	1210.45	990.00	18650.47	18
27	108.00	.....	.....	100.00	71.30	279.30	437.84	3083.68	19
22	34.00	.....	.....	.....	18.75	52.75	167.74	4086.78	20
309	920.00	50.00	.....	300.00	1102.20	2372.20	1331.25	45351.89	21
29	116.00	.....	.....	.....	96.25	212.25	212.92	4796.74	22
42	116.00	.....	.....	.....	20.40	136.40	264.89	3455.66	23
200	672.00	37.50	.....	450.00	22.00	1181.50	870.77	15486.30	24
87	264.00	.....	.....	60.00	63.47	387.47	229.34	6523.94	25
114	388.00	.....	.....	75.00	427.50	890.50	1226.43	13132.79	26
212	597.00	.....	.....	50.00	148.30	795.30	667.92	5061.50	27
127	257.62	.....	.....	.....	31.50	289.12	338.73	6884.55	28
18	72.00	.....	.....	.....	11.70	83.70	220.25	2014.69	29
148	394.00	.....	.....	.....	91.04	485.04	1817.70	12086.40	30
186	485.00	.....	.....	.....	169.55	654.55	687.25	13627.27	31
5	25.00	.....	.....	.....	18.60	43.60	192.85	1859.86	32
45	174.00	.....	.....	.....	38.40	212.40	591.71	7378.42	33
10	128.00	.....	.....	.....	18.60	146.60	179.50	1686.61	34
9	36.00	.....	.....	.....	14.85	50.85	218.27	2135.87	35
444	866.00	.....	.....	611.20	231.16	1708.36	1433.02	17554.32	36
141	232.00	.....	.....	100.00	51.45	383.45	1069.72	20825.03	37
16	242.50	10.00	.....	274.50	106.55	633.55	364.83	9610.99	38
56	247.00	.....	.....	.....	25.65	272.65	593.08	5087.15	39
39	197.78	20.00	.....	.....	31.65	249.43	265.76	5356.61	40
195	597.00	50.00	.....	225.00	531.32	1403.32	538.91	27120.42	41
108	254.00	.....	.....	100.00	49.15	403.15	243.14	2723.96	42
182	633.00	.....	.....	150.00	244.65	1027.65	838.62	10774.69	43
10	45.72	.....	.....	50.00	15.45	111.17	145.03	3723.45	44
215	790.00	35.85	21.67	150.00	202.50	1200.02	751.43	13734.16	45
33	47.90	.....	.....	.....	116.65	163.65	170.33	7455.10	46
117	384.00	45.00	10.00	.....	147.80	586.80	346.91	11659.39	47

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		Dues	Admis'ns and Degrees	Rents and Invested Funds	All other Sources	Total Receipts			
Pequabock	48	$1317.00	$13.00	$26.06	$103.00	$1459.06	15	....	5
Rising Star	49	352.50	20.00	80.65	.....	453.15	6	....	1
Canaan	50	362.00	37.00	88.20	18.08	505.28	3	....	1
Ridgely	51	1532.65	122.50	354.41	10.51	2020.07	25	....	1
Phenix	52	941.00	66.00	13.82	.....	1020.82	22	....	4
Elm	53	258.00	28.00	57.78	.35	344.13	9	....	2
Bell	54	260.50	66.00	31.50	.....	358.00	8	....	....
Mohegan	55	753.75	300.00	22.25	828.96	1904.96	18	....	4
Friendship	56	517.00	69.00	157.62	.....	743.62	7	....	1
Stephen Terry	59	1653.95	75.00	232.99	26.95	1988.89	14	....	1
Menuncatuck	62	642.00	36.00	318.20	.....	996.20	20	....	....
Naugatuck	63	770.59	35.00	457.05	65.30	1327.94	16	....	5
Eclectic	64	331.50	.....	45.73	1.50	378.73	6	1	....
Good Shepherd	65	639.00	76.00	185.29	.....	900.29	10	....	2
John Ericsson	67	1353.50	64.00	341.98	15.25	1774.73	25	....	3
Meriden Center	68	.....	540.00	681.28	107.74	1329.02	13	....	3
Accanant	71	395.25	13.00	120.83	.....	529.08	2	1	....
Lexington	72	969.50	120.00	94.93	9.02	1193.45	12	....	1
Mechanics	73	1200.45	55.00	495.48	.70	1751.63	19	....	2
Sequassen	74	364.50	36.00	10.33	.....	410.83	5	....	....
Eureka	75	691.00	20.50	156.68	.....	868.18	15	....	2
Polar Star	77	693.14	28.00	227.50	.....	948.64	13	....	1
Germania	78	1075.30	104.00	377.91	197.41	1754.62	22	1	5
Adelphian	80	1543.70	173.00	262.52	11.02	1990.24	24	....	....
Webb	81	343.50	28.00	105.46	90.00	566.96	11	....	3
Hartford	82	1273.25	156.00	80.00	.....	1509.25	23	1	5
Steuben	83	406.00	31.00	558.89	1.05	996.94	9	....	7
Seaside	84	163.00	.....	105.00	.....	268.00	....	....	1
Pequot	85	1517.75	254.00	163.51	13.30	1948.56	25	3	2
Relief	86	1291.50	254.00	690.07	.....	2235.57	16	....	2
Pacific	87	417.61	25.00	.86	.....	443.47	8	....	1
Crystal	88	353.00	38.00	25.00	.....	416.00	3	....	....
Townsend	89	2619.00	287.00	635.25	38.00	3579.25	30	....	4
Oronoque	90	439.00	15.00	305.28	5.50	764.78	18	....	2
Humboldt	91	1360.35	9.00	334.44	.25	1704.04	48	2	7
Schiller	92	213.95	.....	64.06	.....	278.01	2	....	1
Connecticut	93	1119.65	46.00	270.35	3.92	1439.92	18	....	6
Lessing	94	624.20	11.00	476.29	1.00	1112.49	11	....	4
Teutonia	95	291.90	.....	86.10	.....	378.00	7	....	5
Gerstaecker	96	499.30	73.00	170.94	.....	743.24	8	....	5
Butler	97	1203.30	84.00	308.54	863.62	2459.46	17	....	8
Beethoven	98	518.60	23.00	40.00	.....	581.60	7	....	1
Samuel H. Harris	99	2565.52	191.00	892.51	57.04	3706.07	46	....	4
Centennial	100	1038.48	95.00	391.06	38.14	1562.68	10	2	....
Fairview	101	1002.00	181.00	.....	111.14	1294.14	32	....	3
Total	...	$78552.39	$7929.50	$22863.95	$6784.09	$116129.93	1373	31	190

of Connecticut, for term ending December 31, 1915

FINANCIAL

Weeks Benefits Paid	Paid for Relief						Total Expenses other than Relief	Total Invested Funds	Lodge No.
	Brothers (Weekly Benefits)	Widowed Families	Orphans	Burying the Dead	Special Relief and I.O.O.F. Home Tax	Total Relief			
161	$526.00	.....	.....	$600.00	$ 43.55	$1169.55	$158.45	$2226.86	48
53	208.00	.....	.....	9.00	19.95	236.95	486.66	4870.57	49
11	44.00	.....	.....	1.50	15.65	61.15	365.08	1656.48	50
168	618.00	.....	.....	100.00	1042.55	1760.55	997.86	15116.01	51
288	572.00	.....	.....	225.00	68.50	865.50	314.44	3534.47	52
79	139.00	.....	.....	60.00	16.50	215.50	214.10	4249.02	53
27	108.00	.....	.....	.....	14.10	122.10	289.20	2165.44	54
252	843.50	.....	.....	450.00	53.70	1347.20	508.03	14237.54	55
62	145.00	.....	.....	50.00	35.75	230.75	377.13	4378.67	56
143	393.00	.....	.....	100.00	301.90	794.90	855.95	12364.55	59
59	238.00	.....	.....	.....	112.65	350.65	664.58	12772.50	62
210	440.00	.....	.....	454.35	115.15	1009.50	414.40	10666.93	63
27	108.00	$27.00	.....	.....	20.00	155.00	126.02	4499.55	64
84	216.00	.....	.....	270.00	64.35	550.35	444.72	6652.32	65
170	668.00	.....	.....	348.50	90.00	1106.50	667.58	14870.98	67
175	319.00	.....	.....	150.00	44.50	513.50	1407.81	14071.62	68
38	100.00	18.00	.....	.....	24.15	142.15	522.61	3261.16	71
73	276.00	.....	.....	100.00	82.50	458.50	495.09	8961.15	72
246	612.00	.....	.....	150.00	192.29	954.29	489.62	16021.72	73
43	140.00	.....	.....	.....	17.25	157.25	199.36	1225.76	74
199	411.00	.....	.....	150.00	157.85	718.85	268.77	9047.95	75
161	433.00	.....	.....	75.00	29.10	537.10	491.29	2291.81	77
323	779.00	75.00	.....	750.00	36.30	1640.30	584.95	15001.89	78
103	447.00	.....	.....	.....	311.75	758.75	615.75	17072.99	80
84	327.00	.....	.....	150.00	88.00	565.00	165.60	2588.28	81
264	820.00	10.00	.....	234.00	153.62	1217.62	575.16	10159.90	82
109	190.50	.....	.....	360.50	19.80	570.80	585.69	10683.94	83
.....	.....	.....	.....	45.00	8.85	53.85	173.44	2077.07	84
344	830.00	32.50	.....	150.00	121.50	1134.00	520.99	21191.03	85
103	320.82	.....	.....	123.00	92.95	536.77	1457.35	6903.91	86
154	215.00	.....	.....	30.00	23.95	268.95	183.02	2248.72	87
32	85.00	.....	.....	.....	16.35	101.35	172.60	1925.53	88
232	935.00	.....	(2) 120.00	400.00	531.65	1986.65	1236.55	38364.92	89
148	461.00	.....	.....	100.00	145.30	706.30	258.27	4305.27	90
286	507.00	100.00	.....	700.00	67.45	1374.45	339.86	12638.01	91
37	124.00	.....	.....	30.00	148.25	302.25	97.69	3786.50	92
256	894.00	.....	.....	250.00	80.85	1224.85	568.67	13822.85	93
127	467.50	.....	.....	325.00	21.70	814.20	485.10	5998.84	94
95	135.50	.....	.....	250.00	11.70	397.20	130.02	3482.20	95
58	233.26	.....	.....	500.00	95.10	828.36	139.70	8506.50	96
89	466.00	.....	.....	600.00	166.85	1232.85	1161.64	14052.19	97
117	176.50	.....	.....	100.00	22.35	298.85	161.50	6287.53	98
431	1252.00	.....	.....	387.00	171.05	1810.05	895.34	44097.68	99
75	207.00	20.00	.....	.....	223.28	450.28	826.52	18624.72	100
166	458.00	.....	.....	312.75	62.65	833.40	366.67	7158.68	101
12888	$36478.95	$719.35	(5)$151.67	$14083.30	$11613.78	$63047.05	$48418.65	$936875.96	

Abstract of Annual Returns Rebekah Lodges, I. O. O. F.

MEMBERSHIP

LODGE.	No.	MEMBERSHIP: Initiated during the year		Admitted by Card during the year		Reinstated during the year		Withdrawn by Card during the year		Suspended during the year		Expelled during the year		Deceased during the year		Total Membership		
		B.	S.	B.	S.	B.	S.	B.	S.	B.	S.	B.	S.	B.	S.	B.	S.	To
Naomi	1	3	4		2				1						2	60	99	159
Rachel	2		2					1		1	2			2	1	51	105	156
New Haven	3	4	15		1				2	12	10			1	2	44	92	136
Charity	4	18	21					1	2	4	1			3	2	215	354	569
Sylvan	5	1	5	1				1	2		1				1	70	148	218
Fidelity	6	19	26	1				1	1	4				1	2	102	182	284
Esther	7		6							2	1					13	97	110
Winona	8	13	18		1				3	1	4			1	3	70	138	208
Ells-Wood	9	2	6						3					1	1	47	120	167
Lady Fenwick	10	11	17			1									2	60	78	138
Stella	11		7	1				1	2					1	1	51	164	215
Priscilla	12	12	21		1					3	1				1	78	125	203
Freundschaft	13	1	1								2			5	5	66	156	222
Deborah	14		1					2	4						4	26	113	139
Columbia	15		2						2	1	1				2	16	111	127
Myrtle	16	1	2					1		1	2			1	3	41	102	143
Union	17			3					1	1					1	32	47	79
Miriam	18	17	34		2			3	1	13	10			3	3	205	308	513
Eintracht	19	1	5						1		2			2	3	27	70	97
Osprey	20	3	9				1	1	2					1	3	66	123	189
Hope	21	8	10					5	5		1				1	37	86	123
Evening Star	22	4	10						2		4					55	91	146
Isabelle	23		6		2			1	1	2	1				1	10	35	45
Ruth	24		5					1	2		2				1	35	70	105
Crystal	25	3	12	1	1			2	3					1	2	79	175	254
Harmonie	26		10								1			1		46	94	140
Orient	27		2							8	7				2	14	46	60
Ruthie	28															19	29	48
Aquilla	29		2								1				1	36	82	118
Echo	30	2	10				1			4	6			2	1	65	126	191
Marion	31	6	6													27	33	60
Laurel	32	6	17					1	3	4	3			2		52	109	161
Mizpah	33	14	22					2	3					1	1	82	115	197
Myriad	34		3						3							16	44	60
Columbia	35	10	11	1	2									1	5	96	156	252
Ivy	36		4						1					1		35	65	100
Valley	37	7	21						2	4	1				2	91	136	227
Mayflower	38	1	7							1	2			2	1	41	80	121
Sunset	39	2	18		1			2	4							81	177	258
Maida	40	4	4												1	54	67	121
Magnolia	41	7	13		2				2	1	1					76	126	202
Eureka	42	8	19	1	3			4	10	1	5			1	1	83	170	253
Palm	43	11	7					1	1		1			1		54	74	128
Faith	44							1								19	42	61
Martha	45	5	6		1			1		2	1					35	62	97
Venona	46		1	1	1									1		10	46	56
Welcome	47	2	9		1				2	5	5	1	1	1	4	68	146	214
Anchor	48		1					1	1							32	53	85
Queen Esther	49							1						1		26	31	57
Home	50	1	3						1	13	7					51	86	137
Mary	51	2	2					2	3	2	1					50	66	116
Hazel	52							1	3							15	29	44
Medora	53		5					2	3							23	71	94
Unity	54	3	12						1	3	4				2	55	150	205
Our Sisters	55	3	5		1				4	2	1					68	94	162
Mystic	56	10	10		3										1	61	96	157
Violet	57	29	60	8	7											37	67	104
Total		254	535	18	32	1	2	40	87	93	90	1	1	38	69	3074	5957	9031
																3	4	*7

* Non-contributing.

for term ending December 31st, 1915

FINANCIAL

RECEIPTS							RELIEF				
Admissions	Dues	Interest and Rents	Sundries	Total Receipts for twelve Months	Total Fund	Expenses	Relief of Members	Relief of Widowed Families	Relief of Orphans	Special Relief	Total Relief
$8.00	$161.63	$33.38	$ .25	$203.26	$909.31	$214.95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2.00	114.33	3.72	.....	120.05	158.86	123.69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21.00	103.65	.....	58.50	183.15	90.71	126.04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
94.00	470.50	.....	151.48	715.98	2522.21	551.98	.....	.....	.....	$10.00	$10.00
8.00	163.69	.....	115.37	287.06	266.03	253.76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
90.00	247.50	14.80	484.20	836.50	385.11	828.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6.00	87.89	9.22	.....	103.11	207.77	124.20	.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00
63.00	281.92	30.60	.75	376.27	907.37	270.58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8.00	117.00	.....	13.39	138.39	12.49	139.09	.....	.....	.....	15.00	15.00
27.00	103.25	.....	13.00	143.25	185.96	85.52	.....	.....	.....	16.50	16.50
8.75	147.05	5.44	.....	161.24	469.73	199.09	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34.00	137.27	3.68	.25	175.20	202.42	224.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9.00	690.50	184.78	.....	884.28	4871.96	432.01	$141.00	$301.00	.....	.....	442.00
9.00	745.00	437.50	57.75	1249.25	9723.49	348.54	413.00	300.00	$5.00	122.45	840.45
2.00	565.00	427.95	171.42	1166.37	9775.74	359.30	350.00	200.00	.....	26.00	576.00
3.00	192.75	3.94	.25	199.94	72.40	222.74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	87.55	.....	3.76	91.31	79.80	115.42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
51.00	383.50	.....	109.91	544.41	845.52	631.95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6.00	76.00	9.00	65.00	156.00	254.00	109.00	.....	50.00	.....	20.00	70.00
13.00	281.50	.....	34.65	329.15	277.09	347.81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
36.00	162.32	10.46	.....	208.78	337.92	342.69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13.00	105.75	4.24	13.00	135.99	147.45	162.34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6.00	40.50	.....	12.75	59.25	120.60	52.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5.00	73.44	.....	51.23	129.67	69.68	118.44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14.00	224.25	11.23	45.35	294.83	261.51	163.61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11.00	302.75	85.35	.....	399.10	2291.04	157.16	20.00	15.00	.....	5.00	40.00
3.00	80.50	.....	17.21	100.71	71.72	104.35	9.10	.....	.....	.....	9.10
.....	40.25	.....	.....	40.25	17.38	47.11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2.00	76.00	3.72	116.63	198.35	208.42	183.80	1.00	.....	.....	5.00	6.00
26.00	237.20	23.04	.....	286.24	607.41	268.34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12.00	32.40	.....	.....	44.40	64.54	24.19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
48.00	185.35	.....	50.76	284.11	770.12	288.38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38.00	166.50	.....	1.00	205.50	244.80	145.78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3.00	53.25	.....	51.95	108.20	126.35	109.84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21.00	242.50	9.18	89.49	362.17	608.70	286.29	.....	.....	.....	25.00	25.00
4.00	83.72	.....	38.42	126.14	100.04	303.04	.....	.....	.....	5.00	5.00
28.00	157.00	14.10	16.15	215.25	490.13	142.02	.....	.....	10.00	.....	10.00
8.00	108.00	.....	.50	116.50	14.56	118.40	.....	.....	.....	5.00	5.00
40.00	200.00	6.38	.50	246.88	324.39	270.99	10.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00
8.00	107.50	2.97	.87	119.34	95.86	142.43	10.00	.....	.....	23.00	33.00
21.00	111.50	.....	.....	132.50	75.79	175.12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
54.00	279.90	.....	133.01	466.91	506.67	488.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26.00	178.25	.....	.....	204.25	247.53	233.89	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	59.80	.....	.....	59.80	270.05	37.46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11.00	77.75	.....	10.25	99.00	37.68	105.69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1.50	64.41	.....	16.00	81.91	115.88	44.48	.....	15.00	.....	.....	15.00
10.00	201.25	.....	4.20	215.45	170.53	203.36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1.00	78.82	.....	.50	80.32	125.32	71.98	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8.00	60.75	.....	.....	68.75	23.03	96.38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8.00	132.25	.....	4.82	145.07	516.79	138.70	6.00	.....	.....	25.00	31.00
5.00	191.70	8.28	1.40	206.38	278.85	162.47	25.00	.....	.....	10.00	35.00
.....	61.38	.....	96.14	157.52	46.88	178.37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5.00	76.25	.....	21.56	102.81	279.11	77.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18.75	168.65	4.42	50.60	242.42	407.28	230.09	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16.00	157.35	.....	215.11	388.46	246.00	243.03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18.00	131.50	.....	126.50	276.00	85.62	237.34	.....	.....	.....	5.00	5.00
104.00	104.00	.....	53.57	261.57	88.40	173.17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
$1096.00	$9972.17	$1347.38	$2519.40	$14934.95	$42703.00	$12037.09	$985.10	$881.00	$15.00	$327.95	$2209.05

APPENDIX

1st—Form Bequests, Odd Fellows Home

2nd—Home Proceedings

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

[General.]

I give and bequeath to the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, ...dollars, to be used at the discretion of the Board of Managers of said The Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut.

[Specific.]

I give and bequeath to the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, ...dollars, in trust, to be used for the purposes following, to wit:

(Here specify in detail the purposes.)

[General Device of Real Estate.]

I give, devise and bequeath to the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, all that certain tract or parcel of land, situated in the Town of..... and bounded and described as follows, to wit:

(Description of land in full.)

with power to sell and convey the same, and to use the proceeds of the sale thereof at the discretion of said corporation or its Board of Managers.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Annual Meeting

OF THE

ODD FELLOWS HOME

OF CONNECTICUT

HELD IN THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN

MARCH 15, 1916

New Haven, Conn., March 15, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

Representatives:—The Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Odd Fellows Home Corporation of Connecticut was called to order by P.G.P. Marcus L. Reynolds, President, in Odd Fellows Hall, Crown Street, New Haven, Conn., who requested those present to arise to their feet while Chaplain Rev. Charles H. Smith offered prayer. President Reynolds then declared the meeting opened and directed the Secretary to call the roll of officers, Board of Managers and Life Corporators.

The following upon roll call were found to be present: President, Marcus L. Reynolds, P.G.P.; First Vice-President, Frederic C. Burrows, P.G.M.; Second Vice-President, Theodore Kassenbrook; Third Vice-President, Algot Johnson; Secretary, Wallace R. Johnson; Chaplain, Rev. Charles H. Smith. Board of Managers, W. S. Hutchison, P.G.M.; Philip Pond, P.G.M.; Charles E. Gates, H. J. Hirsch, Hugo Patzold, F. K. Woolworth, H. C. F. Howell, Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M., and E. B. Worthington. Life Corporators, Philip Pond, P.G.M.; A. W. Phelps, F. R. Upson, P.G.M.; E. B. Worthington, M. L. Reynolds, P.G.P.; H. J. Hirsch, F. W. Porter, W. H. Good, John A. Owen, S. W. Challenger, P.G.M.; David R. Alling, P.G.M.; Samuel Prince, P.G.P.; F. C. Burrows, P.G.M.; J. H. Mills, G. P. Sturtevant, W. S. Hutchison, P.G.M.; Charles R. Hathaway, Theodore Perry, Peter Jeffsen, and W. R. Johnson.

President Reynolds appointed as Committee on Credentials, A. G. Breckenridge, No. 52; Gale T. Loyd, No. 35; A. E. Snow, No. 32.

The President directed the Secretary to read the minutes of the last annual meeting, but as they were printed in the Grand Lodge Journal it was voted that the reading be omitted.

The president and Secretary then read their reports. The Secretary read the report of the Treasurer, he being absent. The Finance Committee, Supply Committee, and Property Committee read their reports. All of the reports were accepted, the report of the Supply Committee being upon motion of Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M., accepted with a vote of thanks.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

New Haven, Conn., March 15, 1916.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut.

Brothers:—I welcome you to this our Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting and extend to you fraternal greetings; to those who are with us for the first time I bid you welcome; to those with whom we have met from year to year and who have worked faithfully for the success of our Home I say, thrice welcome.

Another year has passed since you honored me with the office of President of this Corporation and I have tried to perform the duties of that office to the best of my ability, and to-day we lay before you the work of the officers and committees for your approval, and to legislate for the coming year so as to maintain the high standing our Home has attained, and I know there is but one thought in the minds of us all, and that is, we must do the best we can for those who are residents of the Home. If you read the following pages you will see what the officers and committees have done for the year.

There have been 430 orders drawn, from 6272 to 6711, inclusive, which represent an expenditure of $12,489.84 for the year:

6273	W. R. Johnson, expenses as Secretary	$ 14.55
6274	Joseph T. Chapman, envelopes	10.11
6275	Frank S. Gardner, one pair horses	500.00
6276	E. P. Hornick, coffee	9.50
6277	E. B. Holton, meats	69.80
6278	Borough of Groton, electric department	28.69
6279	Borough of Groton, water department	4.93
6280	C. C. Blosser, barber	14.40
6281	New England Cigar and Tobacco Co.	3.43
6282	Francis H. Leggett Co., coffee	18.81
6283	L. C. Bates & Co., butter	19.52
6284	Miner, Read & Tullock, supplies	21.60
6285	Miner, Read & Tullock, supplies	39.96
6286	M. L. Trail, hay	239.74
6287	Lyon & Ewald, hardware	4.31
6288	Huber & Chittendon, rug, etc.	9.36
6289	Bachert & Damus, upholsterers' repairs	5.00
6290	J. F. Miller, laundry	35.52
6291	W. R. Francis, sea food	22.47
6292	G. M. Williams, hardware for farm	1.54
6293	Groton Grain Co., grain	15.40
6294	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	3.55

6295	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	$ 2.25
6296	Charles S. Leete & Co., medical supplies	23.80
6297	Groton Coal Co., coal	117.12
6298	Henry L. Bailey, insurance	196.71
6299	John T. Black, M.D., examination	1.50
6300	Joseph L. Chapman, envelopes	22.91
6301	W. R. Johnson, insurance	38.76
6302	John T. Black, M.D., examination	6.00
6303	J. M. Beckwith, services as stenographer	5.00
6304	P. Berry & Son, butter and lard	25.58
6305	F. O. Woodward, salary	45.00
6306	Nellie Woodward, salary	45.00
6307	Olive Beckwith, services	30.00
6308	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
6309	Jennie Williams, services	20.00
6310	Katherine Allen, services	20.00
6311	Margaret Carey, services	18.00
6312	Frank Phillips, services	20.00
6313	Charles Kirby, services	20.00
6314	Nellie Woodward, freight and ferriage	6.20
6315	E. B. Holton, meats	86.63
6316	W. R. Francis, sea food	11.27
6317	G. R. Hempstead, labor and materials	2.60
6318	J. N. Elliott, horse goods	21.35
6319	Morgan & White, batteries	1.50
6320	Lee Morgan & Co., plumbing	11.24
6321	Huber & Chittendon, shades, etc	45.66
6322	J. E. Underhill, veterinary	10.50
6323	S. N. E. Telephone Co	5.50
6324	New England Cigar and Tobacco Co	10.24
6325	James A. Loveland, envelopes	5.50
6326	Borough of Groton, electric department	18.47
6327	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	12.33
6328	G. M. Williams, hardware	23.49
6329	J. C. Worth & Co., potatoes for planting	20.76
6330	J. S. Barstow, garden and farm seed	37.85
6331	Reid & Hughes Co., sheets	22.50
6332	Stoddard & Gilbert, sugar and supplies	28.49
6333	E. P. Hornick, coffee	9.75
6334	New England Cigar and Tobacco Co	5.70
6335	Putnam Furniture Co., mattress, etc	52.65
6336	Harris Hymon, blacksmithing	26.10
6337	J. F. Miller, laundry	45.81
6338	New England Cigar and Tobacco Co.....Void	2.50
6339	Groton Coal Co., coal	68.59
6340	Groton Grain Co., grain	20.75
6341	C. C. Blosser, barber	12.70

6342	Brewer Colgan Co., book for President	$ 6.50
6343	New England Cigar and Tobacco Co	5.70
6344	E. P. Hornick, coffee	9.00
6345	The Jewett City Grain Co., grain	116.50
6346	Schwartz Bros., couch	15.00
6347	The P. Schwartz Co., grain	29.40
6348	Charles D. Douglass Co., envelopes and printing	12.95
6349	John T. Black, M.D., professional services	55.50
6350	F. O. Woodward, salary	45.00
6351	Nellie Woodward, salary	45.00
6352	Olive Beckwith, services	30.00
6353	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
6354	Jennie Williams, services	20.00
6355	Catherine Allen, services	20.00
6356	Margaret Carey, services	18.00
6357	Frank Phillips, services	20.00
6358	Charles Kirby, services	20.00
6359	Nellie Woodward, freight and ferriage, extra help	58.50
6360	Miss Orril Hymon, services as pianist, Home Day	2.00
6361	P. Schwartz Co., grain	2.75
6362	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	7.74
6363	Borough of Groton, electric department	19.32
6364	L. C. Bates Co., butter	18.60
6365	P. Berry & Son, butter and lard	25.58
6366	J. E. Underhill, veterinary	4.00
6367	C. M. Shay Co., fertilizer	35.00
6368	Isaac C. Lamb, potatoes	52.50
6369	Lyon & Ewald, house furnishings	7.93
6370	J. N. Elliott, harness supplies	5.35
6371	C. C. Blosser, barber	19.10
6372	G. R. Hempstead, repairs	1.50
6373	Bachert & Damus, repairs	6.00
6374	J. F. Miller, laundry	40.14
6375	Huber & Chittendon, window shades	18.90
6376	James Hislop & Co., matting	20.96
6377	W. R. Francis, sea food	19.12
6378	E. B. Holton, meats	99.95
6379	P. Berry & Son, lard	6.90
6380	G. M. Williams & Co., hardware	15.58
6381	M. Chapman, manure and spreader	65.00
6382	M. Chapman, eggs	6.25
6383	Charles Osgood Co., medical supplies	9.83
6384	The Lee & Osgood Co., medical supplies	4.78
6385	Stoddard, Gilbert Co., supplies	40.90
6386	L. C. Bates Co., butter	39.68
6387	National Biscuit Co., crackers	4.62
6388	Wallace R. Johnson, officers' bond	33.00

6389	F. O. Woodward, salary	$ 45.00
6390	Nellie Woodward, salary	45.00
6391	Olive Beckwith, salary	30.00
6392	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
6393	Katherine Allen, services	20.00
6394	Jennie Williams, services	20.00
6395	Margaret Carey, services	13.20
6396	Frank Phillips, services	20.00
6397	Charles Kirby, services	20.00
6398	Nellie Woodward, fence, building, freight and ferriage	85.75
6399	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	9.00
6400	G. R. Hempstead, material	.85
6401	New England Cigar and Tobacco Co	11.40
6402	Stoddard, Gilbert Co	11.05
6403	The Norwich Electric Co., bulbs	32.80
6404	New England Cigar and Tobacco Co	5.70
6405	Borough of Groton, electric department, lights	14.79
6406	G. M. Williams Co., hardware	7.63
6407	Harris Hymon, horseshoeing	15.40
6408	J. F. Miller, laundry	38.67
6409	E. B. Holton, meats	90.50
6410	W. R. Francis, sea food	15.62
6411	G. P. Finch, carting coal	10.00
6412	C. M. Shay, fertilizer	17.50
6413	C. C. Blosser, barber	14.40
6414	P. Schwartz Co., grain	8.25
6415	Jewett City Grain Co., grain	20.75
6416	Stoddard, Gilbert Co., supplies	14.30
6417	Armour & Co., beef	25.36
6418	Marquardt Bros., labor and material	192.67
6419	Marquardt Bros., labor and material	34.70
6420	Birt O. Fowler, labor and material	183.70
6421	S. N. Ellis & Co., supplies	4.55
6422	Groton Grain Co., grain	14.85
6423	Lyon & Ewald, hardware	2.75
6424	P. Schwartz Co., grain	1.70
6425	E. P. Hornick, coffee	10.75
6426	Standard Oil Co., oil	14.90
6427	Clinton Oil Co., grease and oil	7.57
6428	B. F. Meahan, post-office box rent	1.50
6429	Lee Osgood & Co., medical supplies	5.25
6430	J. P. Barstow & Co., pyrox	4.00
6431	P. Schwartz Co., grain	1.70
6432	P. Schwartz Co., grain	1.70
6433	P. Schwartz Co., flour	24.00
6434	F. O. Woodward, salary	45.00
6435	Nellie Woodward, salary	45.00

6436	Olive Beckwith, services	$ 30.00
6437	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
6438	Jennie Williams, services	22.00
6439	Martha Buttress, services	14.00
6440	Charles Kirby, services	20.00
6441	Frank Phillips, services	10.00
6442	Nellie Woodward, extra help, freight, ferriage	113.75
6443	City Coal Co., coal	519.73
6444	W. R. Francis, sea food	19.94
6445	E. B. Holton, meats	81.88
6446	J. F. Miller, laundry work	47.16
6447	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	4.95
6448	J. N. Elliott, horse goods	4.35
6449	New England Cigar and Tobacco Co	11.40
6450	Putnam Furniture Mfg. Co., carpets	48.00
6451	G. R. Hempstead, supplies	1.60
6452	Armour & Co., bacon	4.16
6453	S. N. Ellis Co., supplies	4.50
6454	Charles Osgood Co., medical supplies	7.82
6455	Borough of Groton, electric department, light	11.61
6456	G. M. Williams Co., hardware	1.03
6457	Burr Bros., granulated sugar	21.65
6458	John T. Black, M.D., examinations	4.50
6459	L. C. Bates Co., butter	35.28
6460	P. Schwartz Co., grain	25.20
6461	P. Schwartz Co., grain	8.25
6462	P. Berry & Son, lard	20.63
6463	C. C. Blosser, barber	13.30
6464	Lyon & Ewald, hardware	12.58
6465	Harris Hymon, labor and material	12.75
6466	M. L. Trail, sand, etc	3.50
6467	The Sani Mist Co	3.00
6468	Hawley Hardware Co., fencing	15.00
6469	John T. Black, M.D., services	25.00
6470	Lee & Osgood, medical supplies	8.00
6471	E. P. Hornick, coffee	19.75
6472	Mystic Grain Co., grain	25.75
6473	F. O. Woodward, salary	45.00
6474	Nellie Woodward, salary	45.00
6475	Olive Beckwith, services	30.00
6476	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
6477	Jennie Williams, services	24.00
6478	Martha Bibbins, services	20.00
6479	Nellie Woodward, extra help, fence, building, freight ferriage	141.60
6480	G. R. Hempstead, 50 feet ½-inch hose	5.00
6481	Borough of Groton, electric department, light	9.86

6482	C. S. W. Davis. medical supplies	$ 5.22
6483	P. Schwartz Co., 3 barrels flour	23.25
6484	Harris Hymon, blacksmithing	18.75
6485	W. R. Francis, sea food	23.25
6486	L. Lervis & Co., crockery	24.90
6487	J. E. Underhill, veterinary	7.75
6488	Hubert & Chittendon, shades, etc	71.85
6489	Bachert & Damus, labor	3.06
6490	C. C. Blosser, barber	19.30
6491	J. F. Miller, laundry	35.43
6492	Morgan & White, batteries	4.22
6493	Lyon & Ewald, hardware	5.55
6494	E. B. Holton, meats	111.15
6495	New England Cigar & Tobacco Co	12.66
6496	G. M. Williams Co., hardware	8.34
6497	Armour Beef Co., beef	7.50
6498	Armour Co., bacon	4.68
6499	Putnam Furniture Co., iron bed, etc	25.15
6500	Stoddard, Gilbert Co., sugar	104.11
6501	E. P. Hornick, coffee	12.50
6502	New England Cigar & Tobacco Co	4.49
6503	P. Schwartz Co., grain	30.55
6504	Lee & Osgood Co., medical supplies	6.35
6505	Francis H. Leggett & Co., groceries	22.64
6506	C. C. Blosser, barber	15.00
6507	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	16.33
6508	Borough of Groton, electric department, light	11.56
6509	Mystic Grain Co., grain	64.25
6510	Morgan & White, labor on gas engine	1.00
6511	W. R. Francis, sea food	15.26
6512	Stoddard, Gilbert Co., provisions	5.25
6513	F. O. Woodward, salary	45.00
6514	Nellie Woodward, salary	45.00
6515	Olive Beckwith, services	30.00
6516	Amanda Phillips, services	28.00
6517	Martha Buttress, services	20.00
6518	Jennie Williams, services	24.00
6519	Charles Kirby, services	20.00
6520	Nellie Woodward, farm help, freight, ferriage	36.75
6521	S. N. Ellis Co	8.03
6522	New England Cigar and Tobacco Co	12.45
6523	P. Schwartz Co., grain	3.55
6524	E. B. Holton, meats	102.82
6525	Fournier Co., laundry	40.38
6526	Chemo Co., disinfectant	57.75
6527	W. J. Walsh & Son, electrical work	55.50
6528	W. J. Walsh & Son, electrical work	4.00

6529	Marquardt Bros., labor and materials	$136.57
6530	John T. Black, M.D., professional services	5.00
6531	Post-office, rent of box	.75
6532	Wallace R. Johnson, 6 months' salary as Secretary	75.00
6533	Charles Osgood Co., alcohol	3.40
6534	P. Berry & Son, butter	18.15
6535	Lee & Osgood Co., medical supplies	5.77
6536	Stoddard, Gilbert Co., supplies	9.07
6537	E. P. Hornick, coffee	9.50
6538	P. Schwartz Co., flour	15.00
6539	P. Schwartz Co., grain	1.90
6540	John T. Black, examinations	3.50
6541	S. N. E. Telephone Co.	5.50
6542	L. C. Bates Co., butter	46.68
6543	F. O. Woodward, salary	45.00
6544	Nellie Woodward, salary	45.00
6545	Olive Beckwith, services	30.00
6546	Jennie Williams, services	24.00
6547	Martha Buttress, services	20.00
6548	Jane Brown, services	20.00
6549	Nellie Woodward, extra help, freight and ferriage	93.54
6550	C. C. Blosser, barber	13.50
6551	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	8.28
6552	G. R. Hempstead, supplies	3.90
6553	J. N. Elliott, repairs to harness	.35
6554	J. E. Underhill, veterinary	5.00
6555	Borough of Groton, electric department, light	4.56
6556	Armour Co., beef	7.28
6557	P. Schwartz Co., grain	5.10
6558	Huber & Chittendon, rugs and matting	6.50
6559	E. B. Holton, meats	131.59
6560	Jewett City Grain Co., grain	24.75
6561	Lee & Osgood, medical supplies	3.28
6562	E. P. Hornick, coffee	10.50
6563	P. Schwartz Co., grain	30.00
6564	Morgan & White, supplies	1.00
6565	W. R. Francis, sea food	18.70
6566	Troy Laundry, laundry	35.28
6567	L. Lervis & Co., crockery	7.84
6568	C. H. Brooks, grain	50.90
6569	John T. Black, M.D., examinations	3.50
6570	Lee & Osgood, medical supplies	11.20
6571	Stoddard, Gilbert Co., provisions	9.23
6572	P. Schwartz, grain	3.35
6573	E. P. Hornick, coffee	9.50
6574	Jewett City Grain Co., grain	26.25
6575	Wallace R. Johnson, expenses to Hartford	5.00

6576	L. C. Bates Co., butter	$ 35.56
6577	F. O. Woodward, salary	45.00
6578	Nellie Woodward, salary	45.00
6579	Olive Beckwith, services	30.00
6580	Martha Buttress, services	20.00
6581	Jennie Williams, services	24.00
6582	Katherine Allen, services	18.00
6583	Nellie Woodward, extra help, freight, ferriage	77.75
6584	John T. Black, M.D., professional services	22.00
6585	G. R. Hempstead, plumbing	1.40
6586	C. C. Blosser, barber	18.90
6587	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	11.47
6588	Borough of Groton, electric department, light	27.00
6589	Boston Store, supplies	31.80
6590	Francis H. Leggett Co., provisions	10.00
6591	W. R. Francis, sea food	22.55
6592	J. N. Elliott, harness work	.70
6593	Amanda Allen, poultry	40.00
6594	Troy Laundry, laundry	37.92
6595	Morgan & White, batteries	2.04
6596	Jewett City Grain Co., grain	5.60
6597	P. Schwartz Grain Co., flour	10.45
6598	Lee & Osgood Co., medical supplies	8.46
6599	E. B. Holton, meats	79.98
6600	Lyon & Ewald, hardware	7.55
6601	Clinton Oil Co., sweeping compound	8.19
6602	E. P. Hornick, surrey	60.00
6603	H. E. Marquardt, groceries	23.01
6604	Boston Store, toweling	21.00
6605	Frank M. Ufford, supplies	10.42
6606	J. P. Barstow & Co., supplies	3.90
6607	L. C. Bates & Co., butter	23.70
6608	New England Cigar and Tobacco Co	25.60
6609	Swift & Co., turkeys	17.91
6610	P. Schwartz Co., wheat	2.20
6611	F. O. Woodward, salary	45.00
6612	Nellie Woodward, salary	45.00
6613	Olive Beckwith, services	30.00
6614	Martha Buttress, services	30.00
6615	Jennie Williams, services	22.00
6616	Katherine Allen, services	20.00
6617	Nellie Woodward, extra help, freight, ferriage	66.40
6618	Borough of Groton, electric department, light	23.62
6619	P. Schwartz, grain	12.90
6620	E. P. Hornick, coffee	9.50
6621	Stoddard, Gilbert Co., provisions	13.45
6622	Jewett City Grain Co., grain	22.35

6623	C. C. Blosser, barber	$ 15.00
6624	W. R. Francis, sea food	16.86
6625	Leonard F. Williams, 3 cockerels	6.00
6626	P. Schwartz Co., grain	2.20
6627	J. N. Elliott, saddle pads	1.50
6628	G. R. Hempstead, supplies	2.00
6629	E. B. Holton, meats	81.33
6630	L. L. Chapman Co., robes	15.50
6631	Lee & Osgood, medical supplies	11.40
6632	Stoddard, Gilbert Co., provisions	15.80
6633	P. Schwartz Co., flour and grain	43.75
6634	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	13.63
6635	Jewett City Grain Co., grain	21.75
6636	M. L. Trail, straw	118.96
6637	Standard Oil Co., gasoline	21.70
6638	Troy Laundry, laundry	48.15
6639	Lyon & Ewald, hardware	2.40
6640	E. P. Hornick, coffee	10.25
6641	Clinton Oil Co., white paint	21.17
6642	New England Biscuit Co., crackers	9.19
6643	Stoddard, Gilbert Co., provisions	20.60
6644	Lee & Osgood Co., medical supplies	18.60
6645	E. P. Hornick, coffee	13.25
6646	Jewett City Grain Co., grain	29.05
6647	S. N. E. Telephone Co	9.50
6648	Norwich Electric Co., lamps	23.09
6649	W. R. Perkins, supplies	3.68
6650	Borough of Groton, electric department, light	25.71
6651	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	14.26
6652	New England Cigar and Tobacco Co	18.15
6653	F. O. Woodward, salary	45.00
6654	Nellie Woodward, salary	45.00
6655	Olive Beckwith, services	30.00
6656	Martha Buttress, services	30.00
6657	Jennie Williams, services	22.00
6658	Katherine Allen, services	20.00
6659	Nellie Woodward, extra help, freight, ferriage	66.40
6660	H. E. Marquardt, groceries	70.03
6661	Williams Co., hardware	3.99
6662	L. C. Bates Co., butter	17.92
6663	E. P. Holton, meats	50.14
6664	G. P. Finch, ice	67.49
6665	Harris Hymon, blacksmithing	21.94
6666	Francis H. Leggett Co., sugar	27.11
6667	Stoddard, Gilbert Co., beans	12.75
6668	C. C. Blosser, barber	19.10
6669	Isaac C. Lamb, labor and supplies	8.90

6670	C. H. Brooks, grain	$ 18.50
6671	J. N. Elliott, harness goods	1.35
6672	G. R. Hempstead, labor and material	2.35
6673	Troy Laundry, laundry	37.77
6674	W. R. Francis, sea food	27.30
6675	Birt O. Fowler, labor and material	6.75
6676	Lee & Morgan, labor and material	191.47
6677	New England Cigar and Tobacco Co.....Void	6.75
6678	James A. Loveland, printing	$ 5.50
6679	B. F. Mahan, post-office rent of box	.75
6680	New England Cigar and Tobacco Co	4.76
6681	Morgan & White, batteries	1.98
6682	John T. Black, M.D., examination	4.00
6683	Rawson & Whipple, supplies	1.60
6684	Lee & Osgood, medical supplies	2.00
6685	Francis H. Leggett Co., groceries	22.99
6686	E. P. Hornick, coffee	19.75
6687	Jewett City Grain Co., grain	33.00
6688	Stoddard, Gilbert Co., groceries	42.80
6689	F. O. Woodward, salary	45.00
6690	Nellie Woodward, salary	45.00
6691	Olive Beckwith, services	30.00
6692	Martha Buttress, services	30.00
6693	Jennie Williams, services	22.00
6694	Katherine Allen, services	20.00
6695	Nellie Woodward, extra help, freight, ferriage	50.60
6696	Borough of Groton, electric department, light	25.24
6697	C. C. Blosser, barber	15.20
6698	G. R. Hempstead, plumbing	1.10
6699	C. S. W. Davis, medical supplies	9.81
6700	E. B. Holton, meats	18.52
6701	P. Schwartz & Co., grain	32.15
6702	L. C. Bates Co., butter	17.36
6703	Wallace R. Johnson, expenses to New Haven	5.00
6704	John T. Black, M.D., professional services	41.00
6705	Stephen B. Church, engine and equipments	440.00
6706	W. R. Francis, sea food	17.77
6707	New England Cigar and Tobacco Co	11.17
6708	Lyon & Ewald, hardware	5.84
6709	J. E. Underhill, veterinary	5.00
6710	Lee & Osgood, medical supplies	6.06
6711	Joseph L. Chapman, envelopes and printing	10.05

SUPERINTENDENT AND MATRON.

As I stated in the last annual report, probably no other brother, unless he be a resident of the Home, has a better opportunity than the Presi-

dent to know of the good work done by our good Brother and Sister Woodward. They have served this Association faithfully the past year and I have heard nothing but words of praise for their uniform kindness and care of the residents of the Home.

HOME PHYSICIAN.

Brother John T. Black, M.D., has been the Home physician for the past year and I have ever found him ready and willing at all times to do all he could for the relief of those at the Home that needed medical attention, and I wish to extend to him my sincere thanks at this time, for if report be true we shall be unable to secure his services in the future.

GRAND MASTER'S DAY.

April 26th, Grand Master's Day. This is a day which all the Lodges, both Subordinate and Rebekah, look forward to, for each Lodge strives to send one representative to visit the Home on this day, and I wish it might be possible for every Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge and each Encampment to be represented at the Home on that day. A very pleasing program was prepared by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Charles H. Smith on Peace, Good-Will and Brotherly Love, and I wish at this time to express my appreciation to Brother Smith for his kindness, for this part of the program was certainly very fine.

It was my pleasure to accept the picture of Grand Master Brother Henry C. Stevenson, of my home Lodge, which was presented by Grand Representative Brother Frank M. Canfield. Also from Croswell Lodge, No. 39, the picture of Brother Frederick Croswell, P.G.M., presented by Past Grand Brother J. W. Chapin.

The Board of Managers held two meetings during the year, one at Groton at the Home and one at New Haven. At the meeting held April 26, 1915, the following-named brothers for the standing committees were approved:

Finance Committee—William S. Hutchison, P.G.M.; Grant U. Kierstead, P.G.M.; H. C. F. Howell, P.G.

Supplies—E. B. Worthington, P.G.; Hugo L. Patzold, P.G.; F. Henry Monroe, D.G.M.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

There were many donations received from both Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, and remarks from the Grand Officers and Officers of the Rebekah State Assembly. At the close of the meeting all enjoyed a lunch prepared by the Matron of the Home and her assistants and I here express my thanks to them for their part of the day's program.

Property—Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M., Charles E. Gates, P.G.; Philip Pond, P.G.M.

Printing—Wallace R. Johnson, P.G.; F. C. Burrows, P.G.M.; F. M. Canfield, P.G.P.

Library—H. J. Hirsch, F. C. Burrows, P.G.M.; F. K. Woolworth.

MEMORIAL DAY.

May 30, 1915. A committee from Fairview Lodge, No. 101, decorated the graves of the brothers buried in the Home cemetery, and to these brothers I wish to extend sincere thanks.

On March 1, 1916, there were thirty-nine residents at the Home, thirty-four brothers and five sisters.

ADMISSIONS.

Alfred E. Curtis, Mohegan Lodge, No. 55, March 30, 1915.
Thomas Glover, Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, August 4, 1915,
Mrs. Thomas Glover, Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, August 4, 1915.
William G. Loughlin, Pequonnock Lodge, No. 4, September 15, 1915.
Frank W. Chapman, Quinebaug Lodge, No. 34, September 28, 1915.
James R. Brockett, Harmony Lodge, No. 5, October 4, 1915.
Mrs. Lilla J. Curtis, City Lodge, No. 36, October 20, 1915.
Theodore Thomeson, Pequot Lodge, No. 85, December 31, 1915.
Frank Easton, Adelphian Lodge, No. 80, February 6, 1916.

DEPARTURES.

G. H. Hollis, City Lodge, No. 36, October 5, 1915.
Theodore Thomeson, Pequot Lodge, No. 85, January 28, 1916.

DIED.

William J. Kirtland, Meriden Center Lodge, No. 68, February 28, 1915. Buried in Meriden, Conn.

George W. Craddock, Oronoque Lodge, No. 90, April 12, 1915. Buried in Stratford, Conn.

Samuel J. Platt, Butler Lodge, No. 97, September 27, 1915. Buried in Norwalk, Conn.

Edward W. Rogers, S. H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, December 20, 1915. Buried in Bridgeport, Conn.

Samuel S. Gawley, Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, February 6, 1916. Buried in Bridgeport, Conn.

Joseph Wood, Mohegan Lodge, No. 55, February 10, 1916. Buried in Home cemetery.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The Home Committee of the Rebekah State Assembly, Sister Katie J. Reynolds, President; Sister Mary E. Finkle, Vice-President, and

Sisters Cecelia Burrows, of Osprey, No. 20; Isabell Stewart, of Orient, No. 27, and Minnie Perkins, of Home, No. 50, asked the Rebekah Lodges of the State for money to give Christmas cheer to the residents of the Home. The Lodges were so generous in their contributions that the committee purchased a Victrola with records and presented the same to the Home for the entertainment of the residents.

Sister Johns and her daughter gave some pleasing vocal solos and Sister Dobbins a fine reading. This program, with remarks from the Grand Officers and President of the Assembly, and selections on the Victrola, gave the residents a very pleasant afternoon. Then each brother was presented with two shirts, a box of candy and $2.25 in money; to the sisters, house dresses, kimona and shirtwaist, with the box of candy, fruit and $2.25.

This is certainly a good work and greatly appreciated by the President and Board of Managers of the Home. The President of the Home extends his personal thanks to the Rebekahs for the Victrola and gifts so generously provided for the residents of our Home, and I also wish to express my thanks and also those of the President of the Assembly to the committee and to Mrs. Woodward and her assistants for the lunch served at the conclusion of the exercises.

STOCK.

Three horses, seven cows, two two-year-old heifers, two yearlings, one bull, two brood sows, four shoats, 125 hens.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1) That a semi-annual tax of fifteen cents per capita be levied on the membership of January and July of each year.

(2) To amend the law in regard to auditing the books so as to provide for an annual audit only.

(3) That a committee be appointed to study the conditions at the Home in regard to increasing the accommodations at the Home, and report back to the Board of Managers their findings with recommendations.

My brothers, it has been brought to my attention, and I am of the same opinion, that there should be something done in regard to increasing the permanent fund of the Home. As you all know, Odd Fellowship in the State is growing older and the membership larger. Therefore, there will be more brothers to be cared for at the Home. While the per capita tax is but 15 cents per member, as at the present time, it cannot remain at that figure long if we do not increase the permanent fund. I therefore recommend that P.G.M. Brother Grant U. Kierstead be a committee of one, with power to add as many as he deems advisable, to consider this matter and report back to the Board of Managers their findings with recommendations.

CONCLUSION.

In closing I wish to express my thanks to every member in the State who has helped with this good work for our Home; to all my committees who have worked so faithfully during the year, and to the Board of Managers for their ready support at all times. The work and the Home show that you have been successful. Hoping for the future success of Odd Fellowship and our Home,

Yours fraternally,

MARCUS L. REYNOLDS,

President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

New Haven, Conn., March 15, 1916.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut.

Brothers:—Your Secretary herewith respectfully submits his annual report:

Received for Board of Residents	$3,677.00
Home Tax	7,246.05
Medical attendance of residents	126.00
Sales	140.66
Donations	203.00
	$11,392.71

Cash donations from Lodges and members of the Order for general expenses and included in the foregoing statement as donations, as follows:

Pequonnock Lodge, No. 4	$10.00
Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6	10.00
Thames Lodge, No. 22	5.00
Phoenix Lodge, No. 52	5.00
Mohegan Lodge, No. 55	10.00
Stephen Terry Lodge, No. 59	10.00
Pequot Lodge, No. 85	10.00
Relief Lodge, No. 86	10.00
Crystal Lodge, No. 88	10.00
Townsend Lodge, No. 89	10.00
Oronoque Lodge, No. 90	5.00
Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 1	10.00
Charity Rebekah Lodge, No. 4	10.00
Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 6	10.00
Winona Rebekah Lodge, No. 8	5.00
Osprey Rebekah Lodge, No. 20	5.00
Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 21	5.00
Evening Star Rebekah Lodge, No. 22	5.00
Isabelle Rebekah Lodge, No. 23	5.00
Ruthie Rebekah Lodge, No. 28	3.00
Aquilla Rebekah Lodge, No. 29	5.00
Sunset Rebekah Lodge, No. 39	5.00
Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 33	5.00
Martha Rebekah Lodge, No. 45	5.00
Welcome Rebekah Lodge, No. 47	5.00
Home Rebekah Lodge, No. 50	5.00
Mary Rebekah Lodge, No. 51	5.00

Our Sisters Rebekah Lodge, No. 55	$ 5.00
Mystic Rebekah Lodge, No. 56	5.00
Frank Whiton, Grand Guardian	5.00
	$203.00

Received during the year the following articles for the Home and the residents, and cash to be divided among the residents:

Theodore Perry, of Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, name-plates on the portraits hanging on the walls of the Home, value $15.00.

Henry C. Stevenson, P.G.M., box of cigars.

Echo Rebekah Lodge, No. 30, 6 bath towels, 4 hand towels, 6 pillow slips, 1 face cloth, 3½ yards of linen.

Pequot Lodge, No. 85, Reading Room Society, papers and magazines.

Union Rebekah Lodge, No. 17, magazine subscription, 6 pairs of gents' hose, 4 cans of tomatoes, 2 cans of pears, 1 box of candy, 1 union suit, 1 bed sheet, 1 pair of pillow cases, 11 handkerchiefs, 6 wash clothes, 4 dish towels, 12 hand towels, 18 bath towels, 1 apron, 1 cake of soap, 1 tie, 1 flatiron holder, 12 magazines.

Valley Rebekah Lodge, No. 37, 2 bed quilts, 1 sofa pillow, 1 dozen bath towels.

Magnolia Rebekah Lodge, No. 41, 1 dozen knives, 1 dozen forks.

Marion Rebekah Lodge, No. 31, 6 hand towels, 6 kitchen towels, 4 bath towels, 2 handkerchiefs, 1 apron, 1 box of tapioca.

A. G. Breckenridge, P.G., Phenix Lodge, No. 52, package of reading matter.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, 12 sheets, 12 pillow slips, 3 bedspreads.

Mystic Rebekah Lodge, No. 56, bureau scarfs.

Sylvan Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, bed sheets and towels.

Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 18, 50 cents for each resident.

Priscilla Rebekah Lodge, No. 12, 25 cents for each resident.

Stella Rebekah Lodge, No. 11, 25 cents for each resident.

Unity Rebekah Lodge, No. 54, 25 cents for each resident.

A. B. Wilson, of Mimi Lodge, No. 217, New Jersey, and John Dreschler, of Trenton Lodge, No. 3, of New Jersey, 1 box of cigars and confectionery.

On New Year's Day, 1916, Mrs. Katie J. Reynolds, President of the Rebekah State Assembly, and several of her associate officers attended exercises at the Home presided over by President of the Home M. L. Reynolds, and on behalf of the Rebekah Lodges in the State made the following presentations to the Home and to the residents:

From Venona Rebekah Lodge, No. 46, 3 dozen linen handkerchiefs.

From Katherine P. N. G. Association of Bridgeport, 1 linen handkerchief to each resident, 1 year's subscription to *Red Book Magazine* to the Home.

From Freundschaft Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, of Bridgeport, 25 cents to each resident.

From Charity Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, of Bridgeport, 1 box of candy and a $1.00 bill to each resident and a year's subscription to five magazines to the Home.

From the Rebekah Lodges of the State, $263.00, which was used as follows: Victrola, $100.00; Victrola records, $23.00, which was presented to the Home, and 2 shirts, 1 box of candy and fruit and $2.25 to each resident. To the female residents of the Home house dresses, kimonas and shirtwaists were given in place of shirts. Rebekah Lodges contributing were as follows:

Columbia Rebekah Lodge, No. 15	$ 5.00
Medora Rebekah Lodge, No. 53	5.00
Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 32	5.00
Winona Rebekah Lodge, No. 8	5.00
Ruthie Rebekah Lodge, No. 28	2.00
New Haven Rebekah Lodge, No. 3	5.00
Priscilla Rebekah Lodge, No. 12	10.00
Rachel Rebekah Lodge, No. 2	5.00
Welcome Rebekah Lodge, No. 47	5.00
Osprey Rebekah Lodge, No. 20	5.00
Faith Rebekah Lodge, No. 44	1.00
Columbian Rebekah Lodge, No. 35	5.00
Union Rebekah Lodge, No. 17	5.00
Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 33	2.00
Palm Rebekah Lodge, No. 43	5.00
Eintracht Rebekah Lodge, No. 19	2.00
Stella Rebekah Lodge, No. 11	5.00
Sylvan Rebekah Lodge, No. 6	5.00
Ells-Wood Rebekah Lodge, No. 9	5.00
Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 24	5.00
Isabelle Rebekah Lodge, No. 23	2.00
Valley Rebekah Lodge, No. 37	5.00
Magnolia Rebekah Lodge, No. 41	3.00
Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 49	2.00
Harmonie Rebekah Lodge, No. 26	5.00
Crystal Rebekah Lodge, No. 25	5.00
Charity Rebekah Lodge, No. 4	5.00
Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 7	5.00
Mystic Rebekah Lodge, No. 56	5.00
Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 57	5.00
Our Sisters Rebekah Lodge, No. 55	5.00
Ivy Rebekah Lodge, No. 36	5.00
Myriad Rebekah Lodge, No. 34	5.00
Mayflower Rebekah Lodge, No. 38	5.00
Past N. G. Association, District No. 9	2.00
"Crescent" Past N. G. Association	3.00
Adelphian (Subordinate) Lodge, No. 80, of Bridgeport	10.00

Sunset Rebekah Lodge, No. 39	$ 2.00
Eureka Rebekah Lodge, No. 42	5.00
Martha Rebekah Lodge, No. 45	5.00
Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 21	5.00
Lady Fenwick Rebekah Lodge, No. 10	5.00
Evening Star Rebekah Lodge, No. 22	5.00
Mary Rebekah Lodge, No. 51	5.00
Home Rebekah Lodge, No. 50	5.00
Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 14	5.00
Anchor Rebekah Lodge, No. 48	5.00
Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 18	20.00
Maida Rebekah Lodge, No. 40	10.00
Echo Rebekah Lodge, No. 30	9.50
Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 1	3.00
Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 6	5.00
Marion Rebekah Lodge, No. 31	2.00
Unity Rebekah Lodge, No. 54	3.00

There was due the Corporation February 19, 1916, for residents' board and medical attendance $299.00, and for articles contained in a room of a resident who was removed, $66.25. The Lodge of which the removed brother was a member have protested this bill and requested the Board of Managers to cancel it. At a meeting of the Board of Managers held in New Haven, January 10, 1916, the matter was brought before the Board, and the Board voted the bill must be paid.

In concluding this my annual report, I wish to thank the officers and the members of the Board of Managers for courtesies and kindnesses, and the Corporators and Associate Corporators for their confidence and the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

WALLACE R. JOHNSON,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

New Haven, Conn., March 15, 1916.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut.

Brothers:—Your Treasurer herewith respectfully submits his annual report of the financial transactions of the Corporation for the year ending February 29, 1916:

General Fund.

Dr.

March 1, 1915, total funds on hand	$47,222.76	
Received from Wallace R. Johnson, Secretary	11,392.71	
Donation Eureka Rebekah Lodge, No. 42	5.00	
Received interest, savings bank and mortgages	2,222.03	
	$60,842.50	
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Paid on President's orders	$12,489.84	
February 29, 1916, balance on hand		$48,352.66

Orphanage Fund.

March 1, 1915, cash on hand	$1,665.48	
Interest credited by bank	62.06	
February 29, 1916, balance on hand		1,727.54

Library Fund.

March 1, 1915, cash on hand	$608.67	
Interest credited by bank	24.56	
February 29, 1916, balance on hand		633.23
Total funds		$50,713.43

Assets.

Deposits withdrawable only on order of the President, Secretary and Treasurer jointly in:

Dime Savings Bank, Hartford	$ 633.23
Dime Savings Bank, Waterbury	296.16
Farmington Savings Bank, Farmington	1,727.54

Riverside Trust Co., Hartford	$3,956.50
First Mortgages:	
Hopmann loan	7,500.00
Brenner loan	5,500.00
C. A. Smith loan	5,500.00
Bingham loan	1,800.00
E. L. Smith loan	800.00
Wooley loan	8,000.00
Scoville loan	15,000.00
	$50,713.43

Fraternally submitted,

CLARKSON N. FOWLER,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

New Haven, Conn., March 15, 1916.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut.

Brothers:—Your Finance Committee respectfully submit the following report:

General Fund.

Receipts.

Board of residents	$3,677.00
Home tax	7,246.05
Donations	208.00
Sales	140.66
Medical care and nursing	126.00
Interest from banks and mortgages	2,222.03
	$13,619.74
Balance on hand March 1, 1915	47,222.76
Total	$60,842.50

Expenses.

Permanent improvements	$1,558.29
Provisions and home expense	3,348.15
Farm expense	2,257.85
Coal	705.44
Physician, nursing and drugs	406.12
Superintendent's salary	495.00
Matron's salary	495.00
Employees, house	1,297.95
Employees, farm	350.00
Laundry	442.23
Electric lights	221.93
Insurance	235.47
Management	99.55
Barber	170.80
Freight and ferry	67.40
Typewriting, printing and stationery	77.52
Tobacco	137.15
Bond, Secretary and Treasurer	33.00
Telephone	20.50
Ice	67.49
Post-office box rent	3.00
Total	$12,489.84

Balance in banks March 1, 1916	$ 4,252.66
First mortgages	44,100.00
	$60,842.50

ORPHANAGE FUND.

Interest from bank	$ 62.06
Balance on hand March 1, 1915	1,665.48
Total	$1,727.54
Balance on hand March 1, 1916	$1,727.54

LIBRARY FUND.

Interest from bank	$ 24.56
Balance on hand March 1, 1915	608.67
Total	$633.23
Balance on hand March 1, 1916	$633.23

We have examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, all bills, vouchers, and mortgage deeds, and find them correct. The semi-annual audit was made September 17, 1915.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM S. HUTCHISON,
GRANT U. KIERSTEAD,
HENRY C. F. HOWELL,
Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

New Haven, Conn., March 15, 1916.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut.

Brothers:—Your Committee on Supplies herewith submit the following report of their tranactions for the past year:

Table Supplies.

1282 pounds fresh fish	$208.59
4352 pounds fresh beef	746.50
72 pounds dried beef	19.58
97½ pounds bacon	15.51
51 pounds salt fish	10.96
466 pounds lard	48.66
888 pounds butter	254.65
3806 pounds sugar	228.48
85¾ pounds cheese	19.12
75 dozen lemons	15.08
Oranges	21.61
Yeast	1.83
3½ bushels apples	5.05
Fruit	5.10
9 bushels beans	33.13
450 pounds coffee	85.00
257 pounds tea	61.25
4 cases corn flakes	13.60
Macaroni	2.35
Rolled oats	3.15
Cream of wheat	4.50
294 pounds oat meal	9.37
1 barrel salt	2.50
73 pounds corn starch	2.00
1 case whole wheat biscuit	2.70
2 cases puffed rice	8.80
1 case mince meat	7.94
110 pounds baking powder	14.75
26 pounds cocoa	4.79
Extracts	3.25
225 pounds prunes	21.76
Canned peas	7.50
1 case Post toasties	2.70
7 1-6 gelatine	10.25
25 barrels flour	137.76
50 pounds currants	6.13

75 pounds apricots	$ 8.26
100 pounds evaporated apples	9.38
15 pounds pepper	3.00
15 pounds ginger	3.75
Salad dressing	5.74
181 cans peaches	22.76
17 baskets peaches	7.40
71 pounds raisins	6.61
6 pounds walnut meats	3.55
2 dozen peas	1.80
Lettuce	.58
6 packages corn flakes	.55
420 eggs	11.55
10 pounds baking soda	.60
1 quart pickles	.28
Celery	1.54
Cranberries	3.92
Canned pineapple	.72
111 pounds turkey	30.74
6 bushels potatoes	5.45
Crullers and cookies	5.52
12 pounds graham flour	.73
309 bananas	5.23
Watermelons	1.25
5 gallons molasses	2.85
Sweet potatoes	3.60
Citron	.25
White meal	3.78
Onions	.98
Mustard	2.07
Cans milk	1.13
Baking powder	8.75
262 pounds crackers	21.60
Citron and grapes	4.69
White meal	1.10
405 loaves bread	36.63
	$2,273.99
62 pounds butter ..... Feb. 1, 1916	17.36

From the Farm:

910 dozen eggs	$318.50
9125 quarts milk	386.81
760 pounds butter	190.00
150 bushels potatoes	195.00
35 bushels carrots	21.00
94 pounds veal	11.28

500 cabbage	$ 25.00	
680 pounds beef	102.00	
217 pounds lard	24.56	
35 bushels turnips	17.50	
From the garden	164.05	
		$ 1,455.70
		$3,747.05

Supplies on hand, $423.22.

Household Supplies.

2 cases tissue	$12.00
Fly-paper, screen doors, tacks	5.29
Barrel disinfectant	57.75
Mop handles and sweeping compound	8.25
12 dozen sanitary towels	10.42
6 cuspidors	3.90
1 leather couch	15.00
70 pairs sheets	67.50
77 yards matting	24.46
Shades and cheese cloth	18.90
41 yards velvet runner	45.11
6 yards table oilcloth	1.20
30 yards paper	1.50
½ yard runner	.75
9 pudding and gem pans	3.83
6 screens	1.96
Tin sprayer	.75
4 brooms	.60
Aluminum spoons	1.09
12 dozen cups and saucers	20.40
1 dozen bakers	4.50
3 shades	4.65
Linoleum	66.20
Dish mops, brushes and wash boards	3.02
6 paring knives	.78
Mist sprayer	3.00
1 iron bedstead and springs	16.65
1 mattress and rug	8.50
2 rugs	3.00
30 pillow cases	6.30
Carpet sweeper brushes	1.50
Flue brush and plunger	1.10
Sheet tin and hose bib	1.50
Laying carpets and tacks	9.06
12 toilet sets	32.40

Mattresses and rugs	40.70	
Oil cloth	1.30	
		$504.82

Supplies on hand, $313.80.

Kitchen Supplies.

Washing powder	$ 9.60	
Food chopper and plate	5.60	
Strainer, mats and dustbane	7.05	
Kitchen supplies	10.03	
Scouring soap	3.00	
Laundry soap	3.05	
Laundry starch	1.63	
Bon ami	2.50	
Cleanser	1.75	
5 gross safety matches	3.00	
Ammonia	5.11	
Tumeric	.25	
Fruit jars	3.50	
Rubbers for fruit jars	.95	
Pails, lantern and dish holder	2.65	
Basket and hand sprayer	1.25	
Tumblers	5.04	
Jugs	2.80	
Ash cans, handles and screws	2.40	
Supplies	7.55	
Smoke pipe	.50	
2 butcher knives	.75	
8 galvanized pails	3.05	
Flower pots	1.75	
Floor brushes	3.95	
		$88.71

Supplies on hand, $42.88.

Repairs.

Horseshoeing and repairs	$69.34	
Harness repairs	5.68	
On gas engine	1.00	
On range	2.50	
On saddle, collar and harness	1.05	
		$79.57

Special Supply List.

Drugs and medicine	$221.18
Tobacco	116.24
Electric lights	182.28

235 Mazda lamps	55.89	
Laundry	387.12	
Coal and cartage	529.73	
Barber	170.10	
Telephone	20.50	
53840 pounds ice	67.49	
95 gallons gasoline	19.00	
30 water white oil	2.70	
6 batteries and fuse plugs	2.58	
House physician	25.00	
		$1,799.81

Supplies on hand, $360.37.

Products of the Farm.

9125 quarts milk	$318.50	
910 dozen eggs	386.81	
760 pounds butter	190.00	
280 bushels potaoes	364.70	
50 bushels carrots	25.00	
60 bushels turnips	36.00	
240 bushels corn	116.80	
540 bushels mangles	324.00	
94 pounds veal	11.28	
800 cabbage	40.00	
1987 pounds pork	237.00	
680 pounds beef	102.00	
217 pounds lard	24.56	
7 tons hay	161.00	
8 tons green fodder	120.00	
100 early cabbages	6.00	
25 cauliflower	5.00	
125 bunches radishes	2.50	
100 head lettuce	5.00	
25 bushels Swiss chard	20.00	
Beets	6.00	
15 bushels string beans	22.50	
10 bushels lima beans	15.00	
15 bushels tomatoes	12.00	
20 bushels peas	30.00	
100 dozen sweet corn	9.00	
20 bushels onions	7.50	
10 bushels rhubarb	5.00	
Summer squash, cucumbers	18.60	
		$2,621.75

Balance on hand, $684.10.

Supplies for the Farm.

378 bags oats, feed and grain	$605.05	
19034 pounds straw	118.96	
3 tons fertilizer	106.00	
16 bushels seed potatoes	23.51	
Herds, red top, clover and mangle	21.75	
Peas, limas, onions and small seeds	13.35	
Spreader	65.00	
Surrey	60.00	
Pork barrel, fire clay, hoe, bull rings	2.30	
Coal scoops, screws, paraffine	3.50	
27 dozen eggs for hatching	6.25	
3 step ladders, grease and oil	14.45	
Naphtha and white oil	14.90	
Pyrox	9.25	
Outside white paint	21.60	
Wheel for lawn mower and door check	2.75	
3 loads of sand and stone	3.50	
50 feet hose	5.00	
Cow ease, hay fork, staples	5.07	
40 pullets	40.00	
3 cockerels	6.00	
Saddle pads and supplies	3.54	
2 carriage robes	15.50	
Butchering, galvanized wire and cattle cards	2.83	
Veterinary and medicines	32.20	
1 galvanized jap dryer	1.25	
Paris green, plow wheel and clippers	6.90	
Shovels	3.10	
Farm tools and implements	49.93	
Broom	.70	
Chicken feed	33.05	
		$1,297.19

Supplies on hand, $303.38.

Recapitulation.

Table supplies	$3,747.05	
Household supplies	504.82	
Kitchen supplies	88.71	
Repairs	79.57	
Special supplies	1,799.81	
Farm supplies	1,297.19	
Total supplies		$7,517.15

Supplies on Hand.

Household	$313.80	
Table	423.22	
Special	360.37	
Kitchen	42.80	
Farm	303.38	
Balance on hand		$1,443.57

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. WORTHINGTON,
HUGO L. PATZOLD,
F. HENRY MONROE,

Committee on Supplies.

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

New Haven, Conn., March 15, 1916.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut.

Brothers:—Your Property Committee herewith respectfully submits its annual report:

Your committee have not made as many improvements during the past year as it has in some other years. The water pipes in the annex were so filled with rust that it was thought best to replace them with new ones, which was done, and connected them with the main water pipes. The water pipe going to the horse barn was also connected with the main pipe (under the old system the water first went to the main house, from there to the annex and horse barn, as, when they were using water at the house it was difficult to get any at the annex or horse barn). A new grape arbor has been built, which was needed very much. The kitchen has been remodeled; it is a great improvement and is highly appreciated by those who use it.

As all of the rooms in the annex are in use now, and the only lights that they have had, up to this year, have been kerosene lamps, the building has been wired and electric lights installed, which is better in every way and much safer. An electric light has been placed in the upper hall in the main house, near a short flight of stairs, where it was difficult to get light in any other way, and also an electric light placed in the root cellar.

New water tanks have been placed in two of the toilets. There has been about fifty rods of Pittsburg perfect wire fence built, about ten rods of part stone and part wire fence, and about six rods of double-faced stone wall. About sixty feet of ten-inch drain pipe has been laid from the west side of the driveway from the house to the main road to take the water into the gutter of the main road. One pair of dark bay horses has been purchased and so far have proved to be all right. One New Way double-cylinder air-cooled eight horse-power gasoline engine mounted on a four-wheeled steel-framed truck, and one No. 16 Smalley cutter with the necessary attachments have been purchased. They are installed at the Home and are being used when needed.

Many smaller improvements, with the repairs that are necessary to be made each year to keep the property up where it should be have been attended to.

Respectfully submitted,

SELAH G. BLAKEMAN,
CHARLES E. GATES,
PHILIP POND,
Property Committee.

After some discussion in reference to recommendation No. 1 in the President's report it was voted that recommendations Nos. 1 and 2 in the President's report be adopted and that recommendation No. 3 be referred to a committee to draft a resolution covering the same, to be presented to the Corporation for action. President Reynolds appointed as such committee, F. R. Upson, P.G.M.; S. W. Challenger, P.G.M.; Samuel Prince, P.G.P.; W. S. Hutchison, P.G.M., and H. C. F. Howell.

The Credential Committee reported that they had received the credentials of 80 Associate Corporators, as follows:

Quinnipiac, No. 1, Benjamin B. MacFarland; Pequonnock, No. 4, Thomas Forsyth; Harmony, No. 5, William T. Andrew; Ousatonic, No. 6, William B. Boardman; Samaritan, No. 7, William C. Gilbert; Empire, No. 8, Arthur M. Gale; L. A. Thomas, No. 9, W. P. Peters; Our Brothers, No. 10, Charles E. Kellogg; Uncas, No. 11, Frank E. Green; Central, No. 12, H. C. F. Howell; Montewese, No. 15, Richard W. Kirck; Niantic, No. 17, Charles A. Beckwith; Progressive, No. 18, William O. Merson; Protection, No. 19, Joseph Z. Zette; Fenwick, No. 20, H. D. Robinson; Thames, No. 22, Fred J. Hope; Palisado, No. 23, Chauncey M. Bass; Rippowam, No. 24, Owen J. Hughes; Crescent, No. 25, Harry D. Noble; Stonington, No. 26, George D. Johnson; Shetucket, No. 27, Albert A. Guile; Hancock, No. 28, Ernest L. Stevens; Reliance, No. 29, John T. Gorman; Clifton, No. 30, Charles B. Moore; King David, No. 31, August H. Simonson; Wauseon, No. 32, A. E. Snow; Israel Putnam, No. 33, Arthur Loomis; Portland, No. 35, Gale T. Lloyd; City, No. 36, A. N. McIntyre; Monitor, No. 38, Oscar L. Johnson; Croswell, No. 39, F. W. Watrous; Svea, No. 40, Elof Lundbland; Arcanum, No. 41, George E. Mills; Franklin, No. 42, Rev. Charles H. Smith; Puritan, No. 43, William F. Joyce; Scandia, No. 44, A. Y. Berg; Summit, No. 45, Joseph Spencer; Pilgrim, No. 46, William T. Clarke; Andree, No. 47, Algot Johnson; Pequabock, No. 48, Carlton B. Ives; Rising Star, No. 49, George Millne; Canaan, No. 50, J. Clinton Roraback; Ridgely, No. 51, Walter Harrison; Phenix, No. 52, A. G. Breckenridge; Elm, No. 53, Ansel E. Bidwell; Bell, No. 54, C. P. Brown; Mohegan, No. 55, Charles L. Magson; Friendship, No. 56, Charles J. Fowler; Stephen Terry, No. 59, Harry W. Tuttle; Naugatuck, No. 63, J. L. Barrett; Eclectic, No. 64, G. F. Bailey; Good Shepherd, No. 65, Charles D. Pulver; John Ericsson, No. 67, John A. Ackerlind; Meriden Center, No. 68, Edward A. Birdsey; Accanant, No. 71, H. B. Hopkinson; Lexington, No. 72, Robert B. Crocker; Mechanics, No. 73, S. H. Halligan; Sequassen, No. 74, Eli D. Warfield; Eureka, No. 75, Frank Reinhart; Polar Star, No. 77, Frederick Fisher; Germania, No. 78, E. C. Cramer; Adelphian, No. 80, J. M. Chaffee; Webb, No. 81, E. Benajah Pratt; Steuben, No. 83, Charles Henss; Pequot, No. 85, Ernest S. Decker; Relief, No. 86, F. Henry Monroe; Crystal, No. 88, C. L. Clark; Townsend, No. 89, Frank K. Woolworth; Oronoque, No. 90, F. W. Wilcoxson; Humboldt, No. 91, Conrad Rabanus; Schiller, No. 92, Christ. Keuhneman; Connecticut, No. 93,

Frank W. Whiton; Lessing, No. 94, Adam Schempp; Teutonia, No. 95, Hugo L. Patzold; Gerstaecker, No. 96, Georg Schlag; Butler, No. 97, William Podmore; Beethoven, No. 98, Theodore Kassenbrook; S. H. Harris, No. 99, Dorr R. Whitney, Herbert Booth; Centennial, No. 100, William H. Titley; Fairview, No. 101, Birt O. Fowler.

Upon motion it was voted that the report of the Credential Committee be accepted. The following resolution as offered by F. R. Upson, P.G.M., was adopted:

New Haven, Conn., March 15, 1916.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers take into consideration and confer with the Legislative Committee of the Grand Lodge relative to the advisability of having the amount of our limitation of holdings as a Corporation increased at the coming session of the next Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. UPSON.

Sidney W. Challenger, P.G.M., presented the following resolution, which was upon motion referred to the Board of Managers with power to act:

New Haven, Conn., March 15, 1916.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the I. O. O. F. Home:

In accordance with a resolution adopted by S. H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, its representative to this meeting was instructed to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this body hereby requests the Board of Managers to make such rules for use at the Home as will make it possible for the more effective care of those brothers who may be seriously ill, and that all expense incurred in such care shall be charged to the Lodge of which the brother is a member.

SIDNEY W. CHALLENGER, P.G.M.
H. M. BOOTH, P.G.

Upon motion it was voted to adjourn to 1:30 P. M.

Adjourned meeting was called to order and it was voted that Grand Secretary W. S. Hutchison send a telegram to Grand Master R. T. W. Adams extending to him the sympathy of this Corporation in his affliction.

Upon motion of Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M., it was voted that the Secretary notify the several Lodges to send to the Secretary of this Corporation the names of those who were elected Associate Corporators.

Upon motion it was voted to proceed with the election of officers. President Reynolds appointed as tellers, A. G. Breckenridge, No. 52, and Owen Hughes, No. 24. There being but one nominee for each office the following officers were elected by one ballot upon motion: President, Marcus L. Reynolds, P.G.P.; First Vice-President, Frederic C. Burrows, P.G.M.; Second Vice-President, Theodore Kassenbrook; Third Vice-President, Algot Johnson; Secretary, Wallace R. Johnson; Treasurer, Clarkson N. Fowler; Chaplain, Rev. Charles H. Smith.

The motion to elect the Board of Managers from the floor was lost and President Reynolds stated that he would take it as the sense of the Corporation that a committee be appointed to submit a list of nominees for Board of Managers. There being no objections the President appointed as such committee, Thomas Forsyth, No. 4; J. M. Chaffee, No. 80, and Rev. Charles H. Smith, No. 42.

F. R. Upson, P.G.M., of the committee to whom was referred recommendation No. 3 of the President's report, submitted the following report:

New Haven, Conn., March 15, 1916.

To the Corporators and Associate Corporators of the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut:

Your special committee to whom was referred recommendation No. 3 of the President's report, beg leave to report as follows:

That P.G.M. Grant U. Kierstead be appointed chairman of a committee with the power to appoint four others to associate with him, and said committee to hear all recommendations and propositions relative to this fund for the Home, whether it be for yearly maintainence or increase of permanent fund, and to report all such propositions in detail complete, and to make such recommendations as they may deem advisable at the annual meeting of the Corporation, and such report to be ready and printed with the other reports for distribution to the several Lodges.

F. R. UPSON, P.G.M.
SIDNEY W. CHALLENGER, P.G.M.
SAMUEL PRINCE, P.G.P.
W. S. HUTCHISON, P.G.M.
H. C. F. HOWELL,
Committee.

Upon motion the report was accepted.

Secretary brought the matter of the protest of Butler Lodge, No. 97, before the Corporation, said protest being in reference to a bill which was presented to Butler Lodge, No. 97, for articles destroyed upon order of the Home Physician by reason of their being in a room which was occupied by a member of Butler Lodge, No. 97, at the Home who

was declared by the Home Physician to be suffering from an infectious disease. The Secretary stated that the matter had been considered by the Board of Managers, who had passed the following vote: That the matter of Butler Lodge be brought to the attention of the Corporation with the recommendation that the matter be reported to the Grand Lodge.

Upon motion it was voted that the vote of the Board of Managers be accepted and that their recommendation be adopted.

The committee appointed to bring in a list of nominees for Board of Managers presented the following list of nominees, which upon motion were elected by one ballot: Board of Managers, W. S. Hutchison, P.G.M.; Philip Pond, P.G.M.; Charles E. Gates, No. 17; H. J. Hirsch, No. 85; H. C. F. Howell, No. 12; G. U. Kierstead, P.G.M.; F. M. Canfield, P.G.P.; Hugo L. Patzold, No. 95; F. K. Woolworth, No. 21; Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M.; E. B. Worthington, No. 11; F. R. Upson, P.G.M.; Grand Master, *ex-officio* Member; *Rebekah Auxiliary,* W. H. Marigold, P.G.M.; Henry C. Stevenson, P.G.M.; Marion R. Davis, No. 17; Fred J. Boese, No. 78; A. G. Breckenridge, No. 52.

The motion that the next annual meeting of the Corporation be held at the Home in Groton was lost, and the motion to hold the next annual meeting of the Corporation in New Haven was carried.

Upon motion of W. S. Hutchison, P.G.M., it was voted that the thanks of the Corporation be extended to Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, and Harmony Lodge, No. 5, for their kindness in granting the use of the hall for the holding of this the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

No further business appearing before the Corporation it was voted to adjourn.

Attest:

WALLACE R. JOHNSON,
Secretary.

LIFE CORPORATORS OF THE I. O. O. F. HOME.

Eben J. Hill, P.G.M., No. 10, Norwalk—Original 1893.
Lucius P. Deming. P.G.M., No. 86, New Haven—Original 1893.
William H. Comley, P.G.M., No. 4, Bridgeport—Original 1893.
Charles B. Ware, P.G.M., No. 55, Hartford—Original 1893.
William H. Marigold, P.G.M., No. 4, Bridgeport—Original 1893.
H. J. Hirsch, No. 85, New London—Original 1893.
Lucius H. Fuller, P.G.M.. No. 33, Putnam—Original 1893.

David R. Alling, P.G.M., No. 1, New Haven—Original 1893.

J. H. Hart, No. 21, Waterbury—Elected May 18, 1897, to fill vacancy.

Arthur C. Wheeler, P.G.P., No. 10, Norwalk—Elected May 16, 1899. to fill vacancy.

Z. R. Robbins, P.G.M., No. 27, Norwich—Elected May 16, 1899, to fill vacancy.

L. H. Holloway, No. 101, Groton—Elected May 16, 1900. to fill vacancy.

Horace H. Jackson, P.G.M., No. 4, Bridgeport—1900.

Clarkson N. Fowler, No. 82, Hartford—Elected May 14, 1901, to fill vacancy.

Henry C. Stevenson, P.G.M., No. 4. Bridgeport—Elected May 14, 1901, to fill vacancy.

Selah G. Blakeman, P.G.M., No. 6, Shelton—1901.

William S. Hutchison, P.G.M., No. 31, New Haven—1902.

James A. Carpenter, P.G.M., No. 51, Torrington—1903.

Wallace R. Johnson. No. 85, New London—Elected May 19, 1903.

Frank R. Upson, P.G.M., No. 75, Southington—1904.

Charles E. Gates, No. 17, Niantic—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1904.

Frank J. King, P.G.P., No. 27, Norwich—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1904.

Charles J. Anderson, No. 67, Hartford—Ten years as Associate Corporator. 1905.

Joel L. Hungerford, P.G.P., No. 1, New Haven—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1905.

Fred J. Boese, No. 78, New Haven—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1905.

Sidney W. Challenger, P.G.M., No. 99, Bridgeport—1906.

Charles Planz, No. 65, New Milford—Ten years as Associate Corporator. 1906.

Thomas R. Taylor, P.G.P., No. 89, Waterbury—Elected to fill vacancy, 1906.

Walter W. Radcliffe, No. 6, Derby—Elected by vote of Corporators, 1906.

Marcus L. Reynolds, P.G.P., No. 4, Bridgeport—Elected by vote of Corporators, 1906.

Frank A. Hefflon, No. 81. Deep River—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1906.

Theodore Kassenbrook, No. 98, Hartford—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1907.

Marion R. Davis, No. 17, Niantic—Elected to fill vacancy March 20, 1907.

B. L. Coe, No. 89, Waterbury—Elected to fill vacancy, March 20, 1907.

Philip Pond. P.G.M., No. 5, New Haven—1907.

Frank W. Porter, No. 53, Glastonbury—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1907.

Elmer G. Hurlbut, P.G.M., New Britain—1908.

Fred G. Hawley, No. 18, Danbury—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1908.

William H. Good, No. 86, New Haven—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1909.

John B. Clemmons, No. 5. New Haven—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1909.

Walter Pond, P.G.P., No. 5, New Haven—Elected to fill vacancy, 1909.

Edward B. Worthington, No. 11, Norwich—Elected to fill vacancy, 1909.

A. B. Gardner, No. 14, Milford—Elected to fill vacancy, 1909.

Henry Meyer. No. 83, Bridgeport—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1909.

Grant U. Kierstead, P.G.M., No. 2, Hartford—1909.

Albert H. Firmin, No. 85, New London—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1910.

John Owen, No. 29, Jewett City—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1910.

Arthur H. Swift, No. 14, Milford—Ten years as Associate Corporator. 1910.

William E. Thoms, P.G.M., No. 21, Waterbury—1910.

Nathan C. Hoy, No. 7, Danbury—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1910.

Arthur H. Down, No. 39, New Haven—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1910.

Herbert J. Phillips, No. 21, Waterbury—Elected to fill vacancy, 1911.

W. H. Talmadge. No. 5, New Haven—Elected to fill vacancy, 1911.

Joseph H. Hawley, P.G.M., No. 18, Danbury—1911.

Charles Gray, No. 101—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1911.

Arthur F. Woodford, P.G.M., No. 21, Bristol—1912.

A. T. Dickinson, No. 49, Rockville—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1912.

Frank M. Canfield, No. 4. Bridgeport—Elected to fill vacancy, 1912.

Dan D. Home, No. 22, Montville—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1913.

D. Burr Beach, No. 97, South Norwalk—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1913.

J. P. Southworth, No. 20, Essex—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1913.

Charles E. Beebe. No. 17, Niantic—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1913.

F. C. Burrows, P.G.M., No. 85, New London—1913.

Samuel Prince, P.G.P., No. 55, New London—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

John B. Norton, No. 81, Deep River—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

James A. Matthews, No. 48. Bristol—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

A. L. Roberts, No. 59, Bristol—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

Lincoln D. Hill, No. 71, Wallingford—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

Charles H. Mills, No. 90, Stratford—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

John W. Dixon, No. 77. New Haven—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

George P. Sturtevant, No. 45, Hartford—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

Charles E. Beebe, No. 17, Niantic—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1914.

Rudolph Henze, No. 91, New Haven—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1915.

Theodore Perry, No. 6. Derby—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1915.

Willis D. Hotchkiss, No. 82, Hartford—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1913.

Charles R. Hathaway, No. 31, South Manchester—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1916.

Peter Jeffsen, No. 13, Hartford—Ten years as Associate Corporator, 1916.

Eli D. Warfield, No. 74, Plainville—Ten years as Associate Corporator. 1916.

Robert T. W. Adams, P.G.M., No. 100, Naugatuck—1916.

LODGES HAVING MEMBERS AT THE HOME.

	Number Since Organization.	Number at Present.
Quinnipiac	4	1
Charter Oak	6	2
Pequonnock	10	4
Harmony	8	2
Ousatonic	2	—
Samaritan	3	—
Our Brothers	9	2
Uncas	4	2
Wopowage	2	—
Montewese	2	—
Niantic	2	1
Fenwick	1	—
Nosahogan	2	—
Rippowam	2	—
Shetucket	7	4
Hancock	3	1
City	13	6
Arcanum	2	—
Summit	2	—
Pequabock	3	1
Phenix	4	1
Mohegan	6	1
Germania	2	—
Connecticut	1	—
Clifton	1	1
Meriden Center	1	—
Accanant	1	1
Naugatuck	4	2
Eureka	1	—
Polar Star	2	—
Webb	1	—
Hartford	4	1
Pequot	8	1
Relief	1	—
Pacific	1	—
Oronoque	2	—
Humboldt	2	1
Lessing	1	—
Butler	6	—
Beethoven	1	—
Samuel H. Harris	9	1

Central	1	1
Charity Rebekah	1	—
Winona Rebekah	1	—
Miriam Rebekah	1	—
Grand Lodge, Conn.	1	—
Past Grand Masters' a|c	1	—
Fairview	1	—
Townsend	1	—
Quinnebaug	1	1
Adelphian	1	1
Ridgely	1	1
	147	40

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

	Name.	Lodge.	Accepted.	Departed.
1	J. A. Cloyes,	Phenix,	Dec. 1, 1892	Oct. 16, 1895
2	W. M. Edmonds,	Nosahogan,	Dec 9, 1892	Mar. 1, 1895
			June 20, 1896	Nov. 29, 1896
3	Charles Bowers,	Phenix,	Dec. 9, 1892	Dec. 18, 1895
4	Geo. W. Schofield,	S. H. Harris,	Dec. 9, 1892	Sept. 24, 1898
5	John Morgan,	Wopowage,	Dec. 10, 1892	Feb. 5, 1895*
6	H. R. Moore,	Samaritan,	Dec. 10, 1892	Sept. 16, 1894
7	Thomas B. Dixon,	Webb,	June 29, 1893	Sept. 5, 1893
			June 1, 1895	Dec. 5, 1895
8	Daniel Monroe,	Polar Star,	Aug. 10, 1893	Never arrived.
9	Robert Bonner,	Montewese	Aug. 29, 1893	Mar. 16, 1903*
10	John Royal,	Naugatuck,	Oct. 4, 1893	Nov. 18, 1893
11	Mrs. James B. Gilman,	P. G. Masters,	Nov. 7, 1893	May 12, 1894
12	Lewis Gunn,	Harmony,	Nov. 18, 1893	Aug. 11, 1905*
13	John Hoskins,	Niantic,	Nov. 20, 1893	Oct. 7, 1896*
14	S. M. Versoy,	Our Brothers,	Dec. 11, 1893	Sept. 6, 1898
15	Mrs. S. M. Versoy,	Our Brothers,	Dec. 11, 1893	Sept. 6, 1898
16	Frank L. Bigelow,	Hartford,	Dec. 20, 1893	Apr. 27, 1908*
17	D. R. Cook,	Ousatonic,	Apr. 15, 1894	Feb. 14, 1902*
18	John DeForest,	Quinnipiac,	May 5, 1894	Feb. 25, 1895*
19	Edward Potter,	Pequonnock,	Aug. 22, 1894	Aug. 10, 1900*
20	Albert Karl,	S. H. Harris,	Oct. 16, 1894	May 17, 1895
			June 12, 1896	June 27, 1900*
21	Samuel T. Huntoon,	Mohegan,	Feb. 15, 1895	May 17, 1895
22	James Halpin,	Rippowam,	Apr. 1, 1895	June 18, 1908*
23	Melville Smith,	S. H. Harris,	Nov. 9, 1895	July 1, 1897
24	Rev. D. G. Ashley,	Grand Lodge,	Nov. 9, 1895	Oct. 18, 1896
25	Chauncey Steele,	Naugatuck,	Aug. 4, 1896	Nov. 5, 1898
26	Edgar B. Hoyt,	Butler,	Nov. 30, 1896	May 22, 1902*
27	James H. Burnett,	Fenwick,	July 15, 1897	Sept. 7, 1899*
28	Lewis Garrigus,	Nosahogan,	July, 16, 1898	Oct. 4, 1898
29	Charles Immich,	Pequot,	Aug. 15, 1898	Dec. 2, 1900*
30	Wm. Miller,	S. H. Harris,	Sept. 8, 1898	Mar. 13, 1904*
31	Samuel A. Cooley,	Charter Oak,	Jan. 1, 1900	May 15, 1900*
32	Allen L. Moore,	Shetucket,	Jan. 17, 1900	Sept. 2, 1908
33	Sylvester R. Tripp,	Butler,	Jan. 24, 1900	Apr. 24, 1900
			Nov. 16, 1900	Mar. 16, 1901
			Dec. 1, 1903	Mar. 2, 1907*
34	William A. Wellmann,	Quinnipiac,	June 18, 1900	June 14, 1910*
35	Henry F. Parker,	Pequonnock,	July 5, 1900	Aug. 31, 1902*
36	John Hill,	Pequot,	Sept. 23, 1900	Apr. 17, 1904*
37	George H. Dupee,	Harmony,	Nov. 6, 1900	Apr. 2, 1902
			Aug. 14, 1903	Mar. 20, 1905
38	William A. Ticknor,	Mohegan,	June 3, 1901	Sept. 28, 1901
39	Frank St. John,	Butler,	Oct. 10, 1901	Mar. 11, 1910*
40	Ephraim Curtis,	Wopowage,	Oct. 17, 1901	Apr. 5, 1902
41	Richard H. Jenney,	Mohegan,	Oct. 19, 1901	Sept. 27, 1902*
42	John Smith,	S. H. Harris,	Nov. 27, 1901	Feb. 25, 1912*
43	Mrs. John Smith,	S. H. Harris,	Nov. 27, 1901	Feb. 27, 1903*
44	William O. Higgins,	Polar Star,	Jan. 20, 1902	Sept. 3, 1903*
45	James J. Brown,	Pequonnock,	Nov. 28, 1902	Jan. 16, 1908*
46	James A. Thompson,	S. H. Harris,	Apr. 16, 1903	Jan. 8, 1910*
47	Wm. F. Woodward,	Shetucket,	Aug. 11, 1903	
48	Daniel S. Peckham,	Uncas,	Aug 17, 1903	Mar. 4, 1908*
49	George W. Denison,	Shetucket,	Sept. 18, 1903	July 14, 1908*
50	Peter Schread,	Lessing,	Oct. 8, 1903	Jan. 8, 1904
			May 4, 1905	Aug. 20, 1905

* Died at the Home.

	Name.	Lodge.	Accepted.	Departed.
51	Sister Phileoma Daniels,	Charity Rebekah,	Oct. 3, 1903	Apr. 4, 1908*
52	H. N. Powell,	Quinnipiac,	Mar. 3, 1904	Jan. 7, 1905
53	Thomas Torgorson,	Pequot,	Mar. 3, 1904	Aug. 26, 1905*
54	Charles Kunzelman,	Pequot,	June 6, 1904	Jan. 1, 1905*
55	Luther G. Tufts,	Relief,	May 8, 1905	Aug. 19, 1907
56	Henry L. Woodworth,	Hartford,	May 15, 1905	Nov. 23, 1911*
57	Mrs. H. L. Woodworth,	Hartford,	May 15, 1905	Apr. 22, 1914
58	Mrs. James J. Brown,	Pequonnock,	Sept. 12, 1905	Feb. 2, 1910
59	O. M. Brown,	Charter Oak,	Sept. 18, 1905	Nov. 1, 1909
60	Henry A. North,	Pacific,	Dec. 5, 1905	June 2, 1911*
61	Mrs. H. A. North,	Miriam Rebekah,	Dec. 5, 1905	Apr. 1, 1906*
62	Edward S. Rice,	Shetucket,	Jan. 21, 1906	Mar. 20, 1911
63	Marcellus G. Smith,	Pequonnock,	June 4, 1906	May 24, 1909
64	Charles G. Humphrey,	Harmony,	Sept. 5, 1906	Dec. 18, 1906*
65	George F. Jillson,	Pequonnock,	Sept. 13, 1906	May 30, 1909*
66	Mrs. Frances J. Roberts,	Pequonnock,	Sept. 8, 1898	Feb. 22, 1899
			Sept. 17, 1906	Apr. 30, 1913*
67	Robert G. Wotten,	Oronoque,	Sept. 25, 1906	Jan. 16, 1907*
68	George L. Cooke,	Hancock,	Sept. 30, 1906	Apr. 17, 1908*
69	Joseph Jerome,	Pequot,	Oct. 3, 1906	Jan. 3, 1907
			Sept. 8, 1908	Aug. 31, 1909
70	Mrs. Eliza Jerome,	Pequot,	Oct. 3, 1906	Jan. 3, 1907
			Sept. 8, 1908	Apr. 10, 1909*
71	H. B. Lucas,	Hancock,	Oct. 9, 1906	Sept. 13, 1909
72	Levi B. Fairchild,	Samaritan,	Nov. 6, 1906	Feb. 26, 1912*
73	Francis Foster,	Our Brothers,	Dec. 5, 1906	Jan. 11, 1913*
74	James F. Porter,	Arcanum,	June 29, 1907	Feb. 3, 1909
75	Mrs. Imogene Wooster,	Winona Rebekah,	July 11, 1907	Jan. 16, 1909
76	Jordan W. Ritchie,	Charter Oak,	Aug. 21, 1907	Oct. 18, 1909
77	A. N. Clark,	City,	Oct. 2, 1907	Mar. 7, 1910*
78	Eugene R. Marks,	Charter Oak,	Oct. 15, 1907	Dec. 6, 1909
79	W. H. Ingalls,	S. H. Harris,	Jan. 21, 1908	
80	Joseph Hearn,	Montewese,	Feb. 9, 1908	July 3, 1911*
81	Ernest Kessler,	Pequot,	Feb. 16, 1908	Mar. 14, 1910*
82	Horace B. Mix,	City,	Apr. 2, 1908	Apr. 17, 1909*
83	A. C. Joyce,	Samaritan,	June 10, 1908	Jan. 31, 1910*
84	Mrs. Caroline M. Hull,	Our Brothers,	June 16, 1908	Aug. 1, 1911
85	Benjamin T. Nash,	Our Brothers,	June 18, 1908	Sept. 13, 1908
86	John Pfeil,	Beethoven,	June 24, 1908	May 17, 1909
87	Oliver J. Whiting,	Harmony,	Aug. 17, 1908	Aug. 18, 1911*
88	Francis Lawrence,	Harmony,	Aug. 17, 1908	Aug. 1, 1911
89	Charles H. Smith,	City,	Sept. 24, 1908	Oct. 23, 1908
90	George W. Clarkson,	Shetucket,	Oct. 2, 1908	Feb. 10, 1916*
91	Joseph Wood,	Mohegan,	Nov. 10, 1908	
92	Samuel S. Gawley,	Arcanum,	Nov. 19, 1908	Aug. 19, 1909
93	Michael Schmitz,	Humboldt,	Nov. 27, 1908	July 21, 1909
94	Edgar Martin Beebe,	Harmony,	Dec. 26, 1908	Mar. 27, 1909*
95	William H. Jones,	Our Brothers,	Jan. 9, 1909	
96	John S. Craig,	Summit,	Jan. 11, 1909	Oct. 5, 1911
97	Walton J. Owen,	Uncas,	Jan. 16, 1909	
98	Axel Anderson,	Rippowam,	Jan. 19, 1909	Mar. 9, 1909
99	Mrs. Martha Aiken,	Our Brothers,	Feb. 19, 1909	Oct. 22, 1911
100	Clinton J. Ladd,	Shetucket,	Mar. 6, 1909	Jan. 17, 1914
101	John E. Lanphere,	Fairview,	May 13, 1909	June 26, 1909
102	John G. Taylor,	Eureka,	June 28, 1909	July 24, 1911*
103	George W. Craddock,	Oronoque,	Nov. 13, 1909	Apr. 12, 1915*
104	John D. Balkam,	Our Brothers,	Dec. 20, 1909	May 5, 1911*
105	John E. A. Erbson,	Germania,	Feb. 7, 1910	Sept. 29, 1912*
106	Charles B. Upson,	Pequabock,	Feb. 8, 1910	

* Died at the Home.

	Name.	Lodge.	Accepted.	Departed.
107	Samuel T. Scott,	City,	July 2, 1910	Mar. 5, 1914*
108	Samuel S. Gawley,	Arcanum,	July 9, 1910	Feb. 6, 1916*
109	Milton W. Stebbins,	Townsend,	July 18, 1910	Mar. 21, 1911
110	Frederick Voig t,	Germania,	Sept. 6, 1910	July 16, 1912*
111	Samuel C. Stevens,	Central,	Oct. 18, 1910	
112	George F. Hollis,	City,	Nov. 2, 1910	July 23, 1911
113	Charles Rasenack,	Pequabock,	Feb. 6, 1911	Dec. 17, 1911*
114	Levi Curtis,	City	April 2, 1911	
115	Orlando W. Stratton,	City	May 9, 1911	Feb. 14, 1913
116	George W. Rich,	Shetucket,	July 7, 1911	
117	Sterne D. Fairchild,	City,	Sept. 16, 1911	Jan. 18, 1915*
118	George W. Osborn,	Ousatonic,	Oct. 17, 1911	Nov. 26, 1913
119	Robert W. Beecher,	Harmony,	Aug. 2, 1911	
120	George F. Hollis,	City,	Sept. 16, 1911	Oct. 5, 1915*
121	John S. Craig,	Summit,	Aug. 5, 1911	Oct. 5, 1911
122	John Ainley,	Uncas,	Dec. 1, 1911	Jan. 3, 1912*
123	Horatio H. Camp	Mohegan	July 2, 1912	Aug. 5, 1912
124	William E. Buxton	Our Brothers	July 19, 1912	May 18, 1913*
125	Samuel J. Platt	Butler	Aug. 31, 1912	Sept. 27, 1915*
126	Mrs. Samuel J. Platt	Butler	Aug. 31, 1912	April 25, 1913*
127	Orrin B. Howard	Niantic	Nov. 26, 1912	
128	Edward A. Crumb	Uncas	Nov. 26, 1912	
129	Robert A. Stark	Humboldt	Nov. 26, 1912	
130	Eugene F. Weston	Connecticut	Jan. 30, 1913	April 22, 1913
131	William H. Phillips	Our Brothers	April 12, 1913	
132	Henry Leversidge	Clifton	Aug. 19, 1913	
133	Chas. J. Richardson	Naugatuck	Oct. 31, 1913	
134	Wm. J. Kirtland	Meriden Center	Nov. 3, 1913	Feb. 28, 1915*
135	Wm. B. Aulhorn	City	Dec. 14, 1913	
136	Timothy Flannery	Hancock	Dec. 22, 1913	
137	Orrin Oakley	Pequonnock	Feb. 13, 1914	
138	Gertrude Maria Oakley	Pequonnock	Feb. 13, 1914	
139	Joseph Jerome,	Pequot,	Jan. 19, 1914	
140	Charles A. Scharf,	Quinnipiac,	Mar. 10, 1914	
141	Daniel P. Porter,	City,	Apr. 15, 1914	
142	Fred Rogers,	Phenix,	Apr. 21, 1914	
143	Mrs. A. J. Wheaton,	Phenix,	May 16, 1914	Nov. 22, 1914*
144	Joseph W. Allen,	Accanant,	May 21, 1914	
145	Edward W. Rogers,	S. H. Harris,	June 7, 1914	Dec. 20, 1915
146	Whitson Wheeler,	Butler,	Aug. 2, 1914	Dec. 11, 1914
147	Mrs. Caroline M. Hull,	Our Brothers,	Oct. 2, 1914	June 21, 1915*
148	Clinton L. Ladd,	Shetucket,	Oct. 7, 1914	
149	Mrs. Mary J. Brown,	Pequonnock,	Nov. 28, 1914	
150	Walter B. Camp,	Naugatuck,	Feb. 4, 1915	
151	Alfred E. Curtis,	Mohegan,	Mar. 30, 1915	
152	Thomas Glover.	Charter Oak,	Aug. 4, 1915	
153	Mrs. Thomas Glover,	Charter Oak,	Aug. 4, 1915	
154	William G. Loughlin,	Pequonnock,	Sept. 15, 1915	
155	Frank W. Chapman,	Quinebaug,	Sept. 28, 1915	
156	James R. Brockett,	Harmony,	Oct. 4, 1915	
157	Mrs. L. J. Curtis,	City,	Oct. 20, 1915	
158	Theodore Thomason,	Pequot,	Dec. 31, 1915	Jan. 28, 1916
159	Frank Easton,	Adelphian,	Feb. 6, 1916	
160	Charles Stone,	City,	Mar. 1, 1916	
161	Mrs. Charles Stone,	City,	Mar. 1, 1916	
162	George Ross,	Hartford,	Mar. 3, 1916	

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Grand Master

F. Henry Monroe.....New Haven

Deputy Grand Master

George M. Chapman.....Waterbury

Grand Warden

Harry Hirsch.....New London

Grand Secretary

William S. Hutchison.....New Haven

Grand Treasurer

Sidney W. Challenger.....Bridgeport

Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge

Philip Pond.....New Haven

Robert T. W. Adams.....Naugatuck

Grand Marshal

William T. Meyer.....Bridgeport

Grand Conductor

Frank W. Whiton.....Hartford

Grand Guardian

Herbert J. Phillips.....Waterbury

Grand Chaplain

Rev. Charles H. Smith.....Barre, Mass.

Grand Herald

Charles R. Hathaway.....South Manchester

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Will be held in the City of New Haven, Wednesday, May 16, 1917